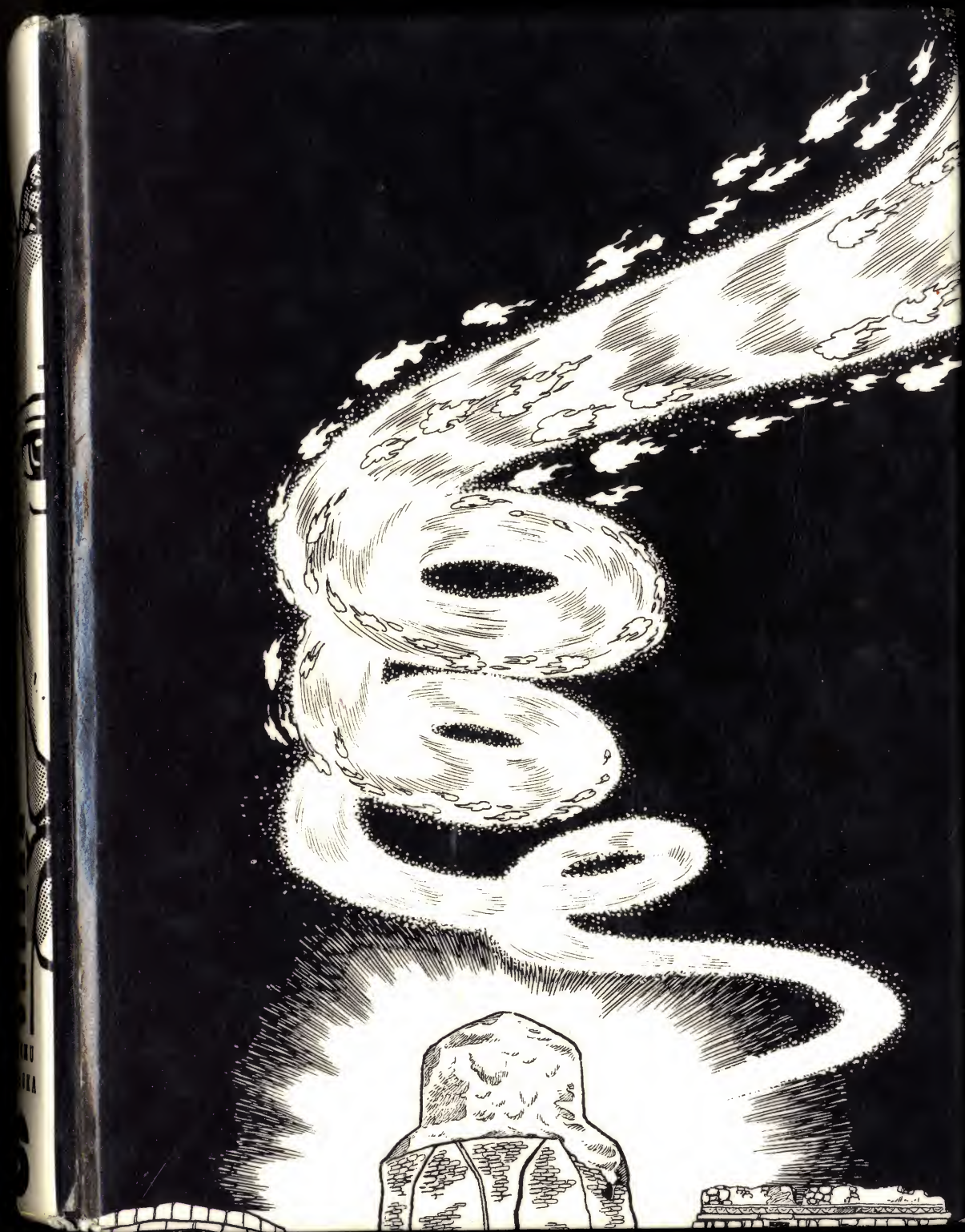


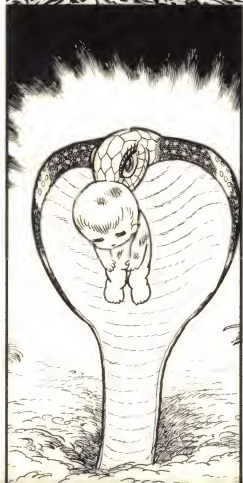




All life is sacred...



Between a she-devil and a sweet mute girl...



BUDDHA



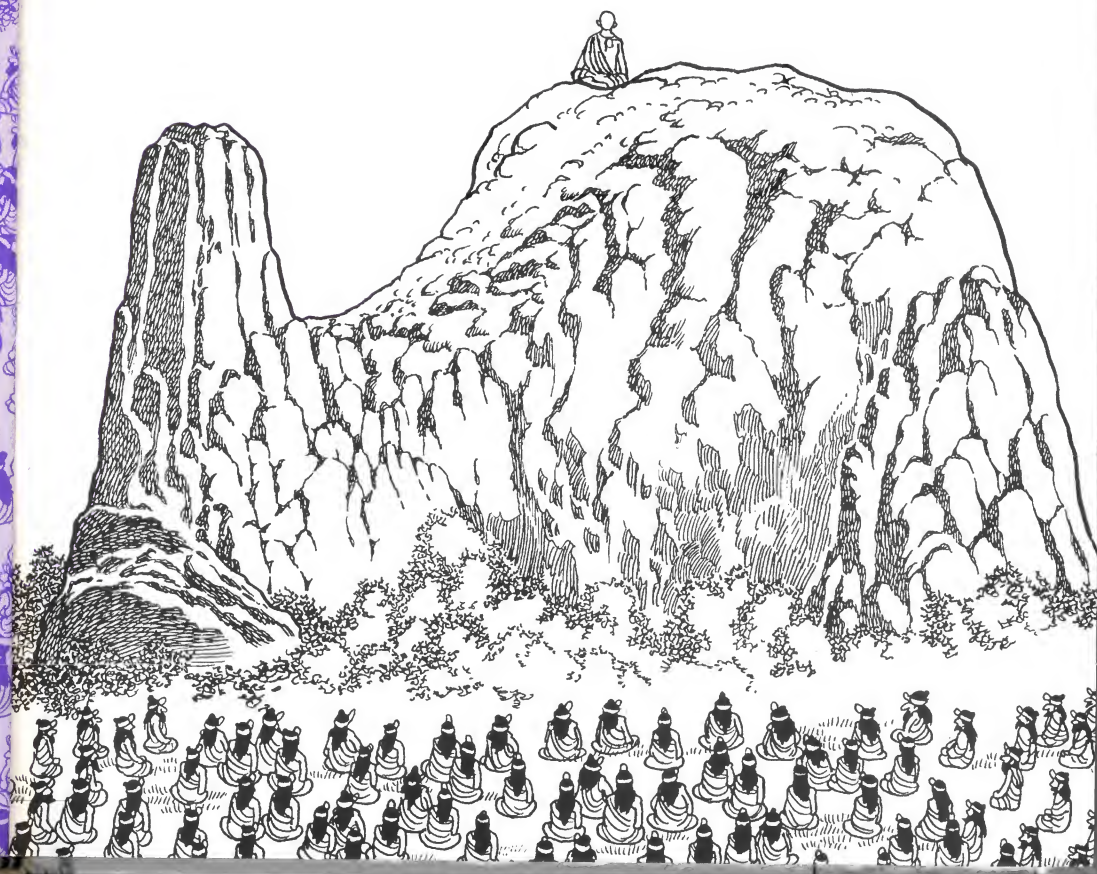
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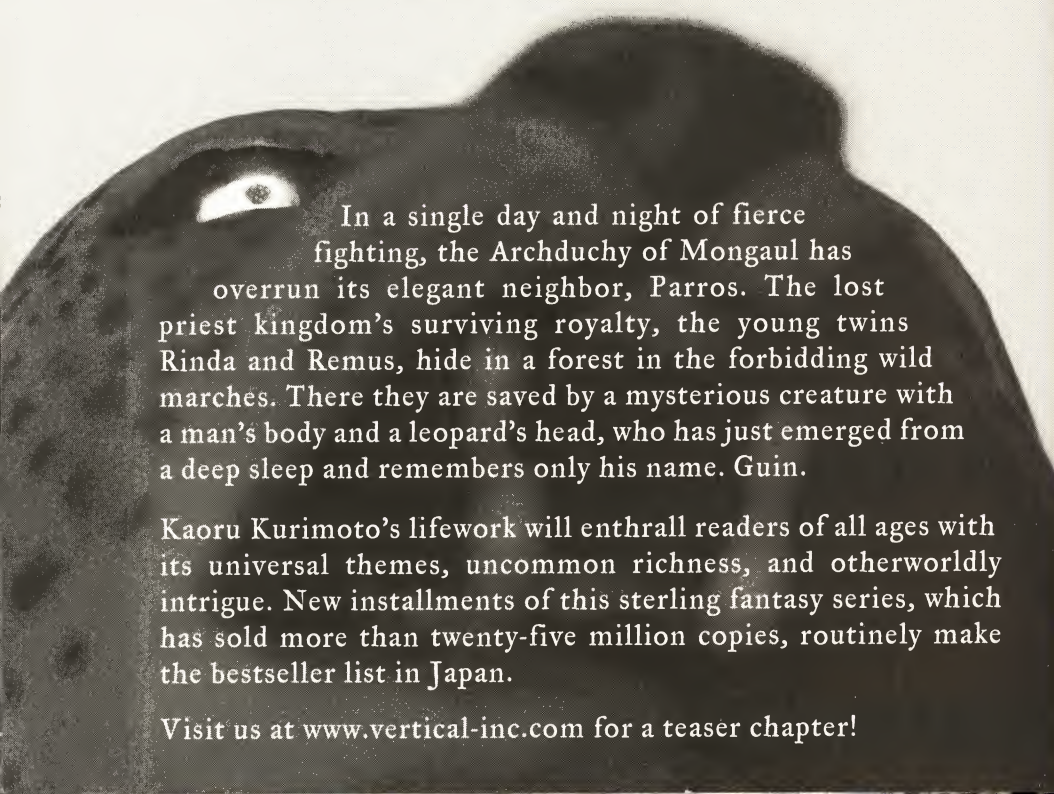
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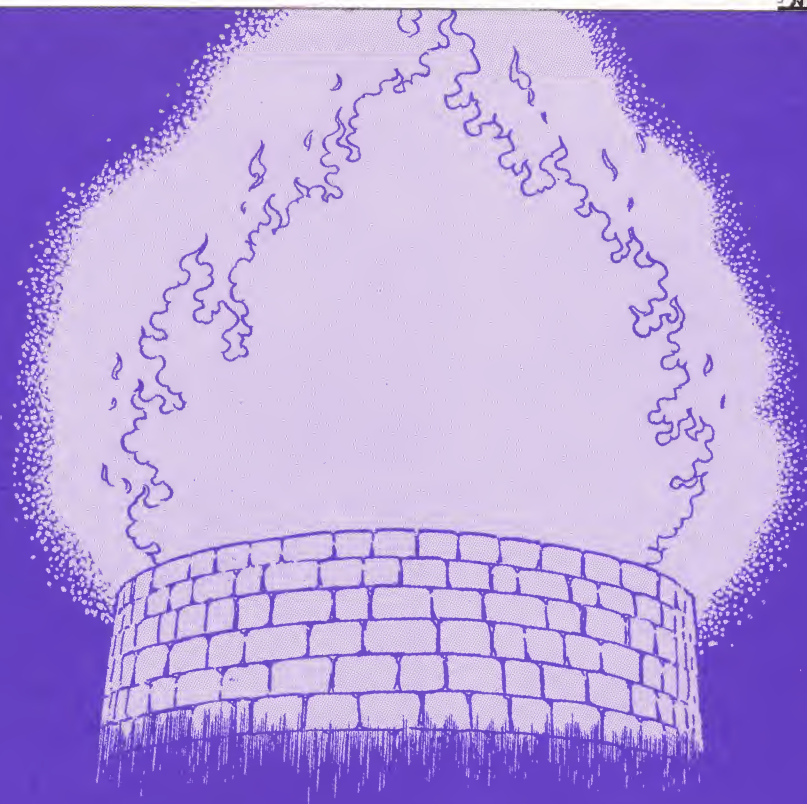
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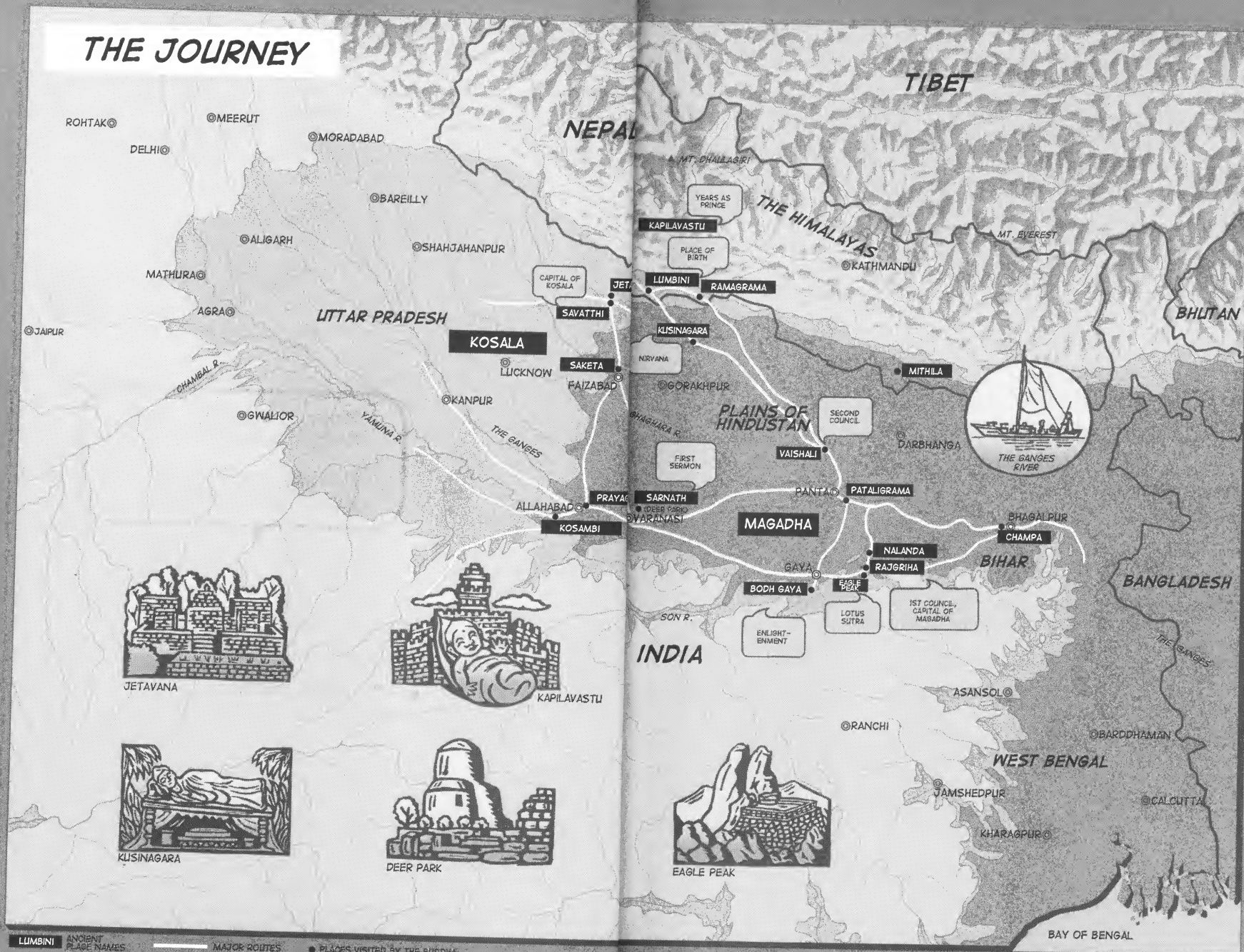
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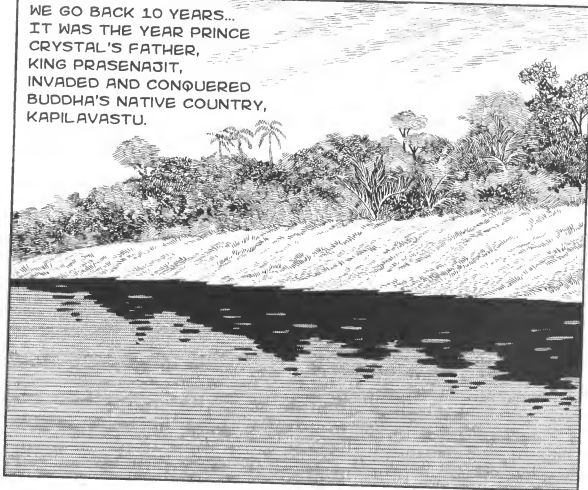
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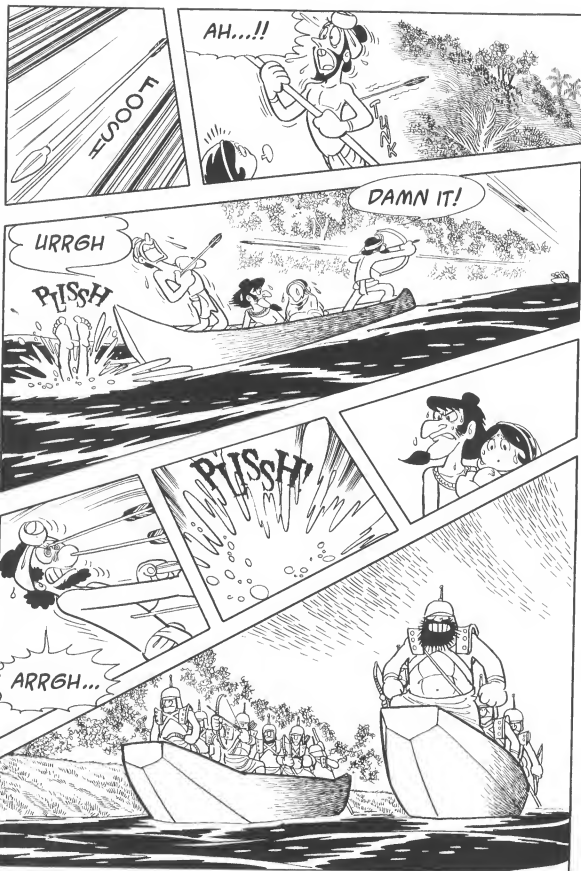
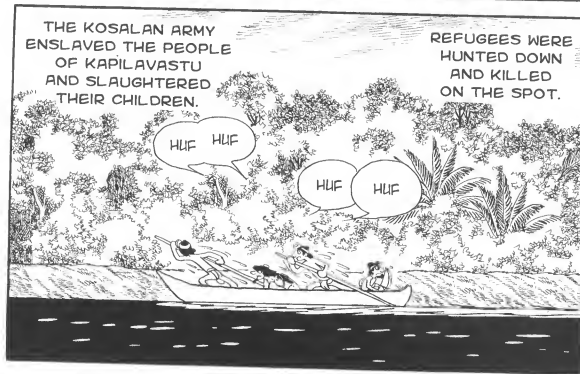
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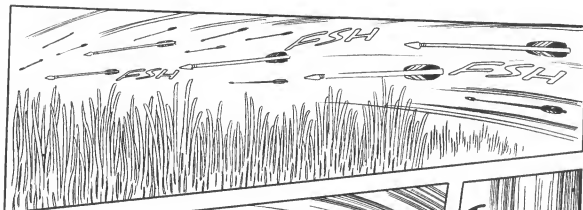
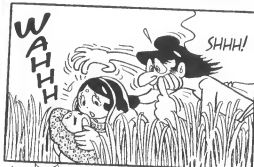
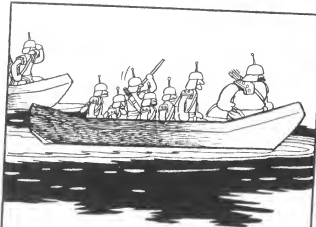
WE GO BACK 10 YEARS...
IT WAS THE YEAR PRINCE
CRYSTAL'S FATHER,
KING PRASENAJIT,
INVADED AND CONQUERED
BUDDHA'S NATIVE COUNTRY,
KAPILAVASTU.



THE KOSALAN ARMY
ENSLAVED THE PEOPLE
OF KAPILAVASTU
AND SLAUGHTERED
THEIR CHILDREN.

REFUGEES WERE
HUNTED DOWN
AND KILLED
ON THE SPOT.





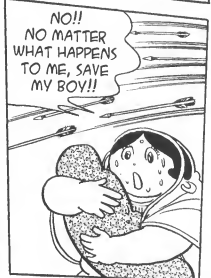
P-P-P-
PLEASE,
I DON'T CARE
IF IT'S
THE DEVIL OR
A DEMON,
SOMEONE
SAVE US.

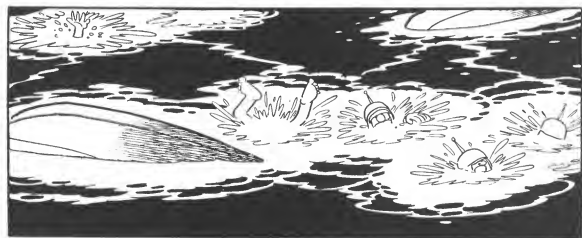
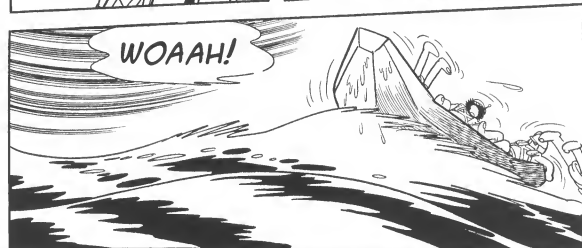
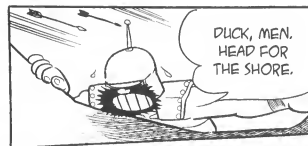
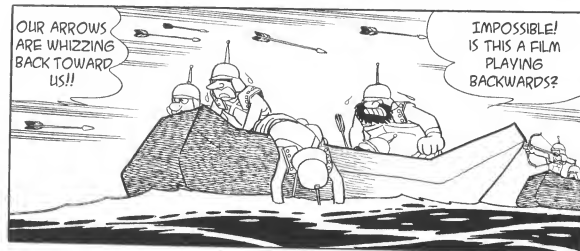
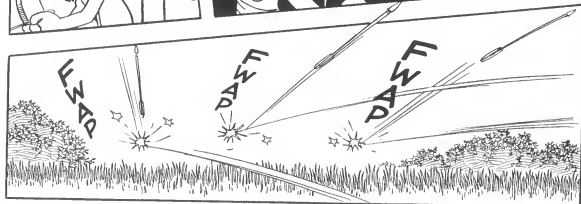
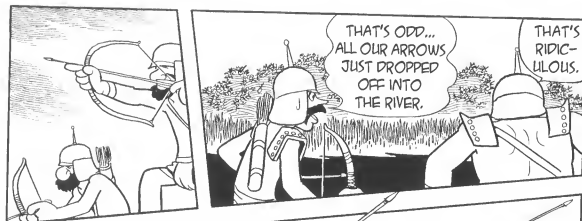


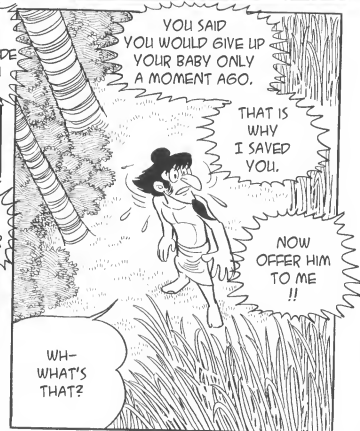
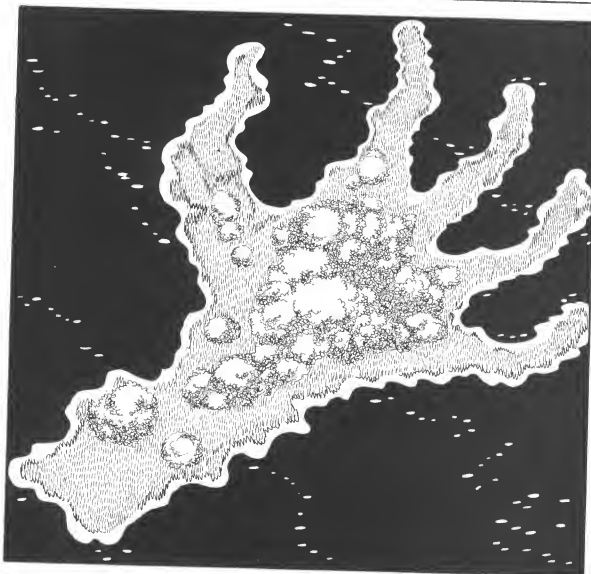
I'LL OFFER
YOU ANYTHING.
I'LL SACRIFICE
ANYTHING
BUT MY LIFE
AS LONG AS
YOU SAVE
ME!

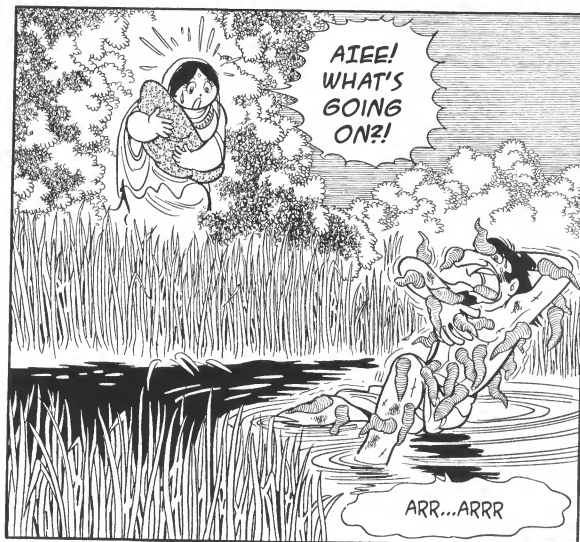


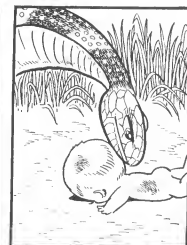
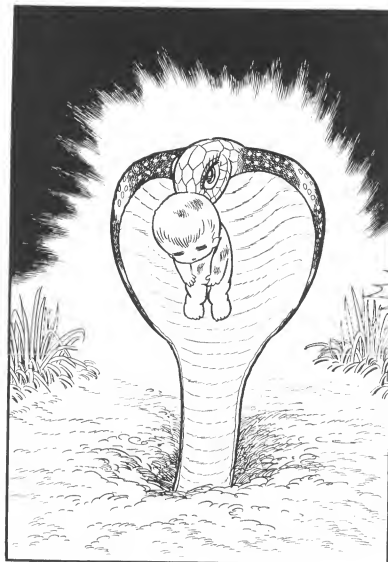
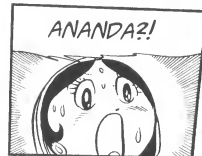
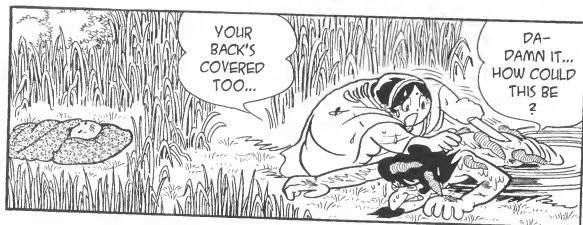
I'LL EVEN OFFER
MY WIFE AND
KID...

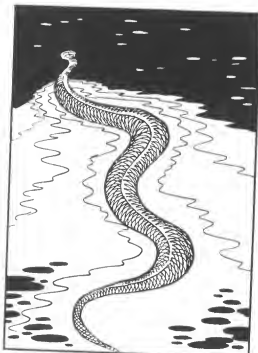










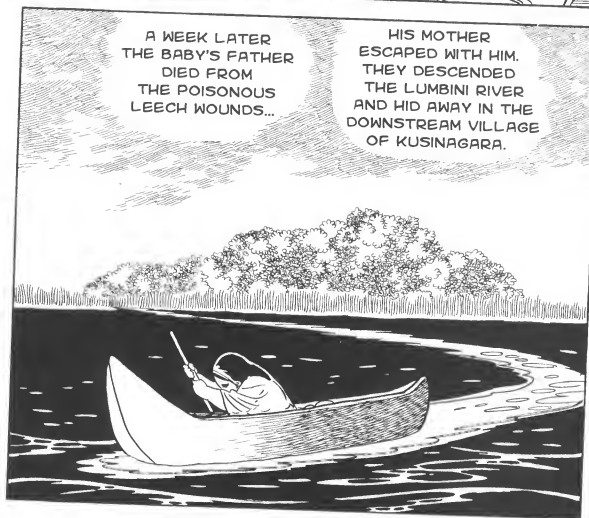


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AH...AH...

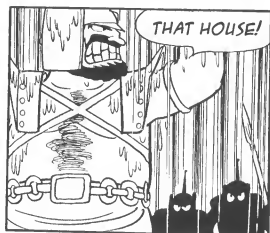
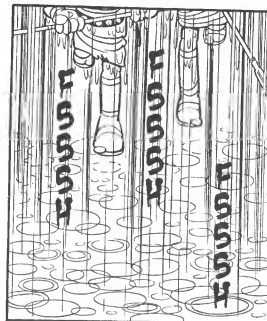


A WEEK LATER
THE BABY'S FATHER
DIED FROM
THE POISONOUS
LEECH WOUNDS...

HIS MOTHER
ESCAPED WITH HIM.
THEY DESCENDED
THE LUMBINI RIVER
AND HID AWAY IN THE
DOWNSTREAM VILLAGE
OF KUSINAGARA.

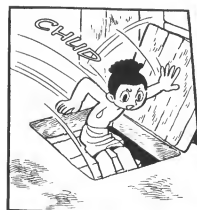
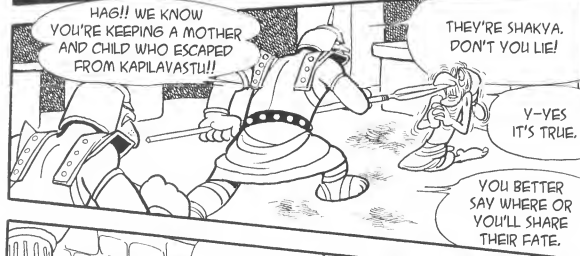


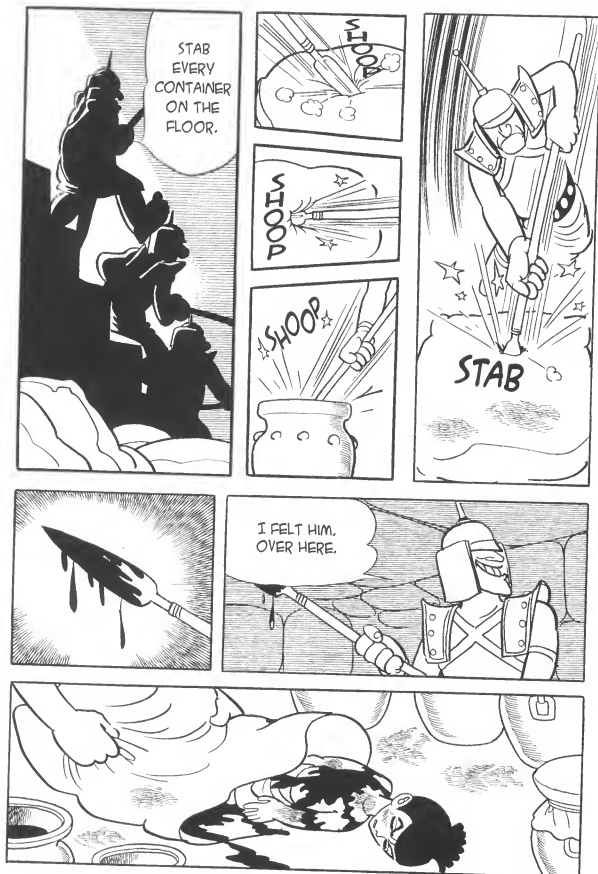
ANANDA
WAS A
SMART CHILD.
FOR SEVERAL
YEARS
HE AND HIS
MOTHER LED
A CLANDESTINE
BUT PEACEFUL
LIFE IN
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BUT THE
KOSALAN
SEARCHERS
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AND MANAGED
TO TRACK
THEM
DOWN.

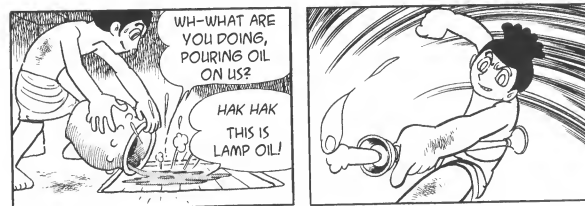
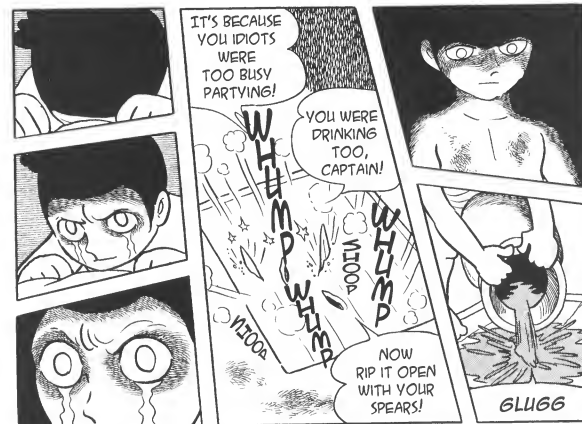
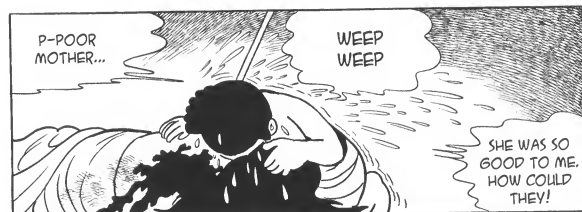
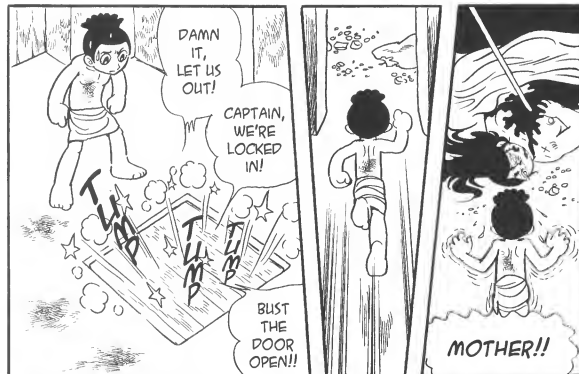


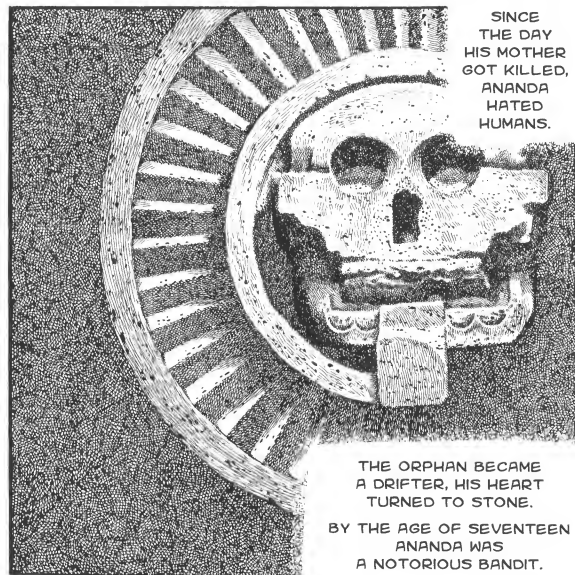
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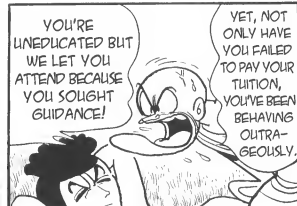
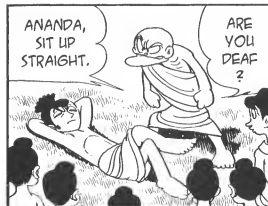
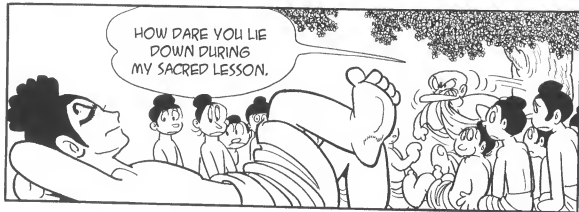
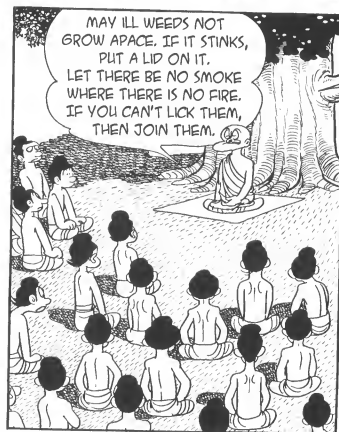
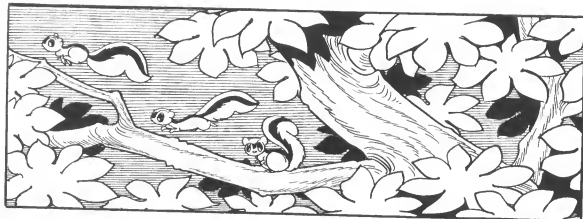




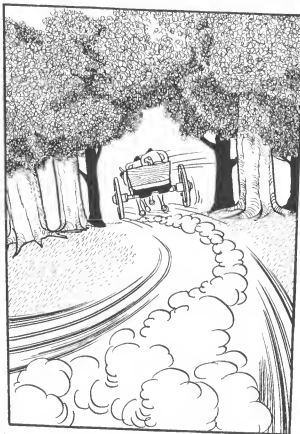
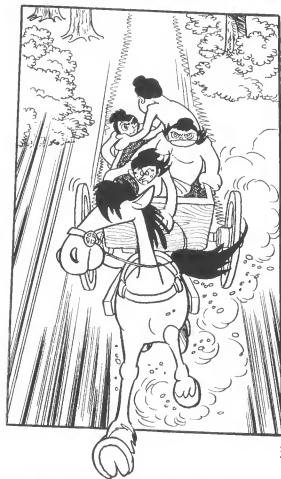
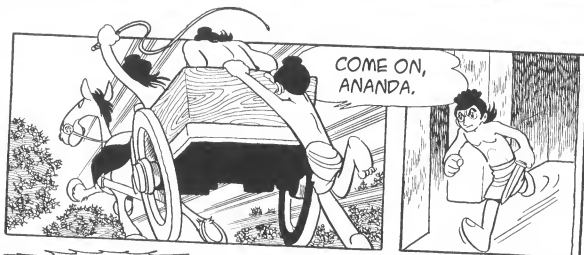




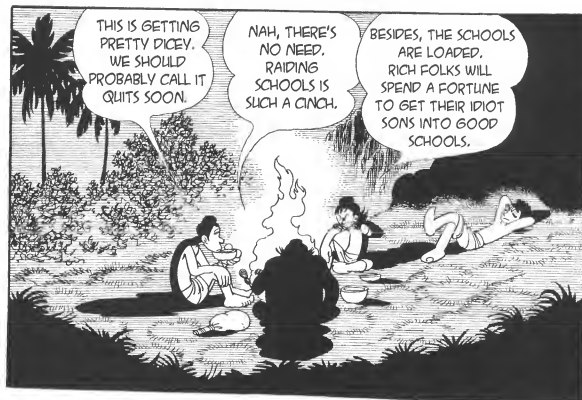






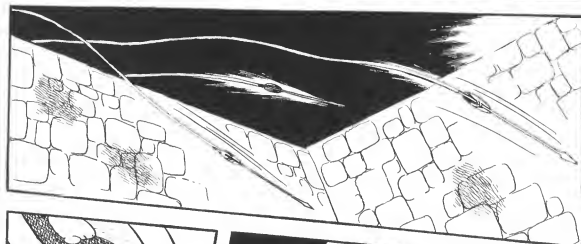
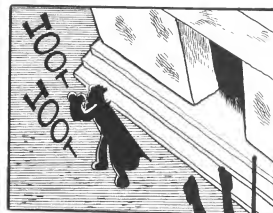
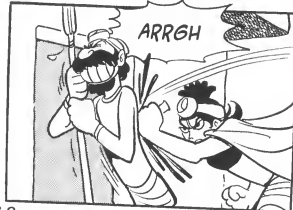
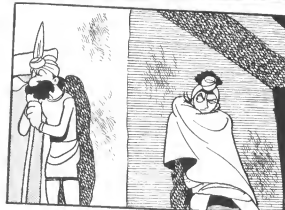
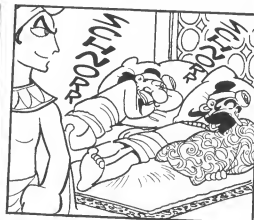


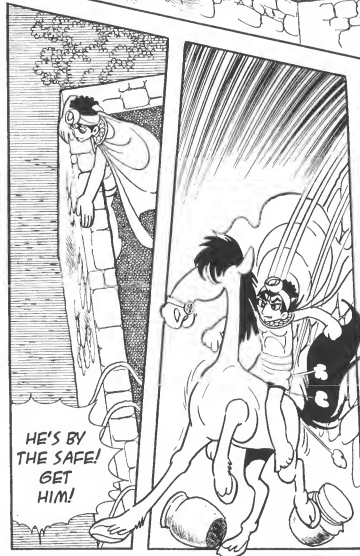
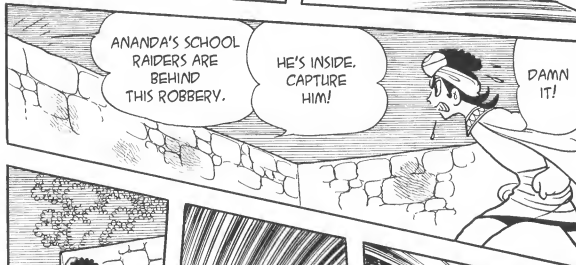
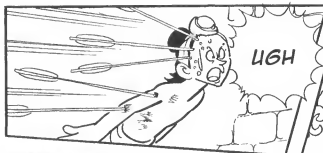
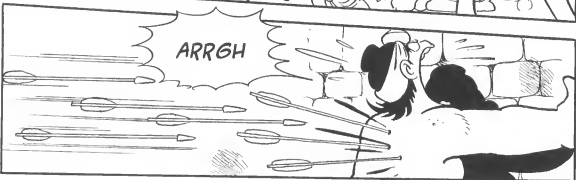
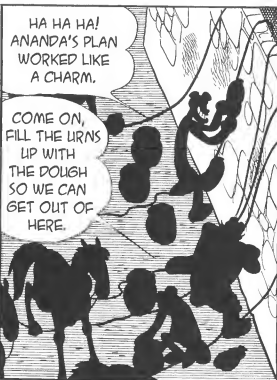
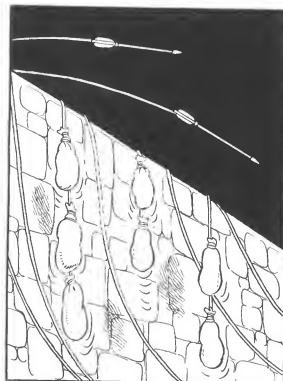
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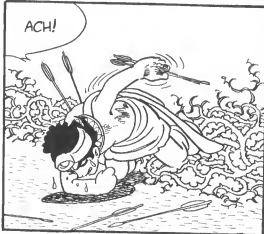
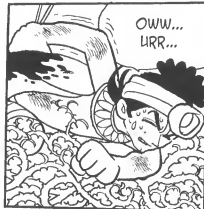
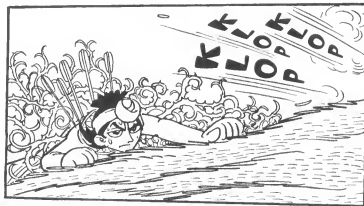
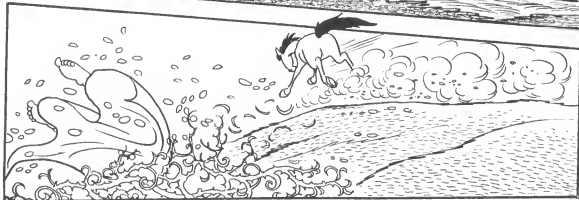
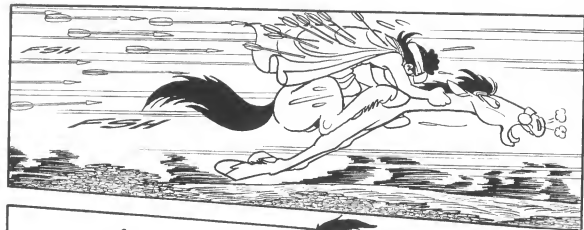


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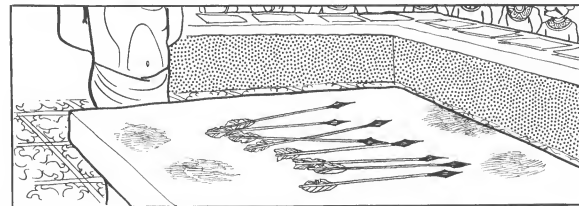
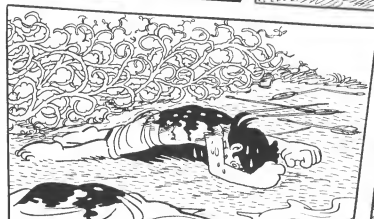
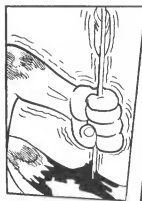




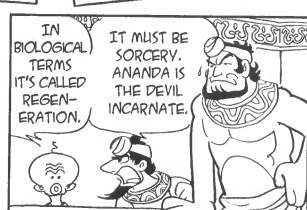
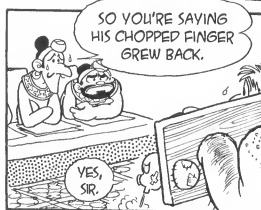
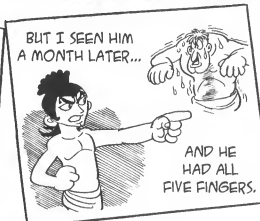
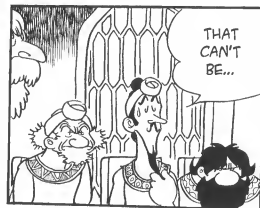
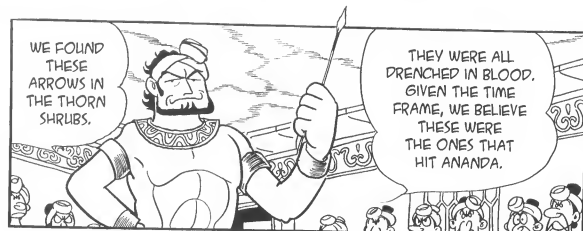


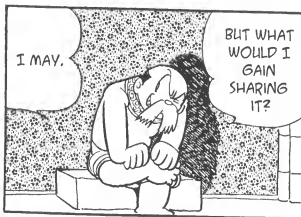
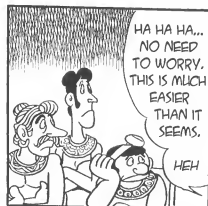
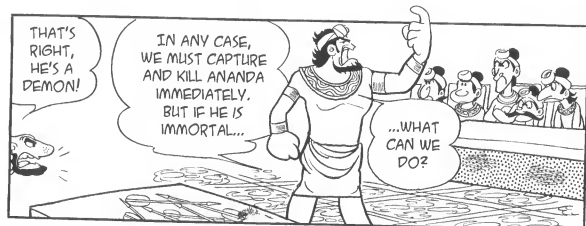


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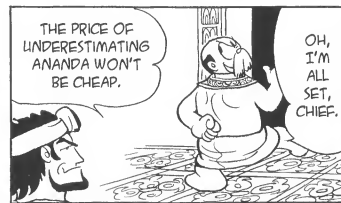
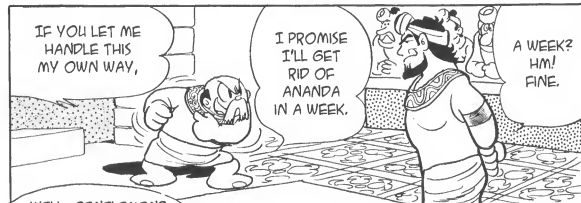


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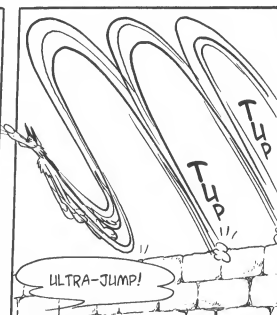
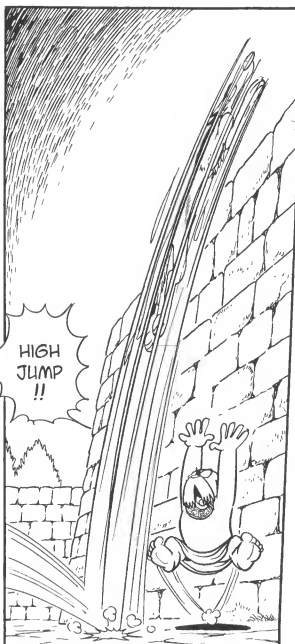
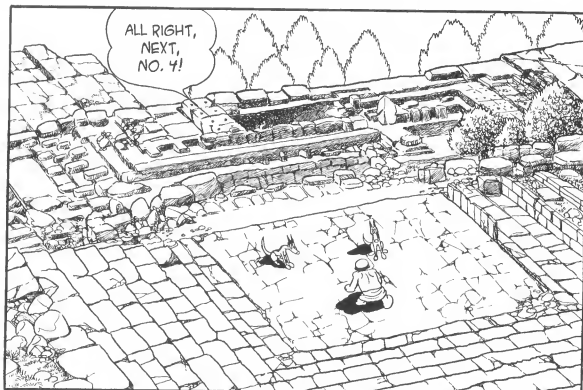
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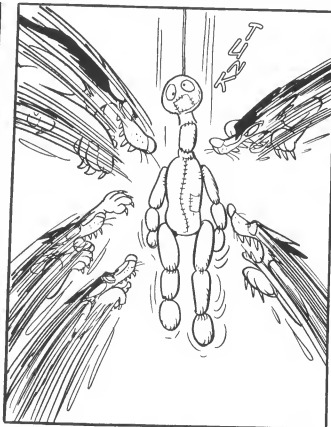
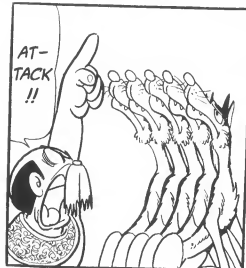
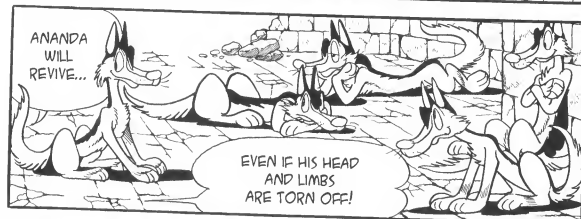
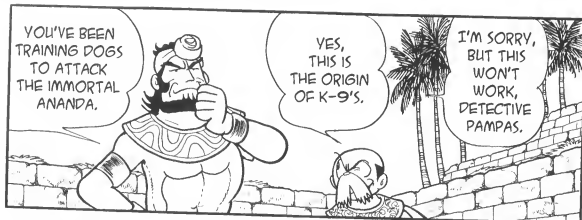


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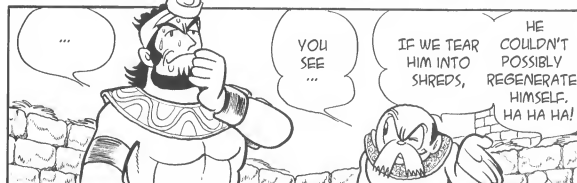
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DETECTIVE PAMPAS



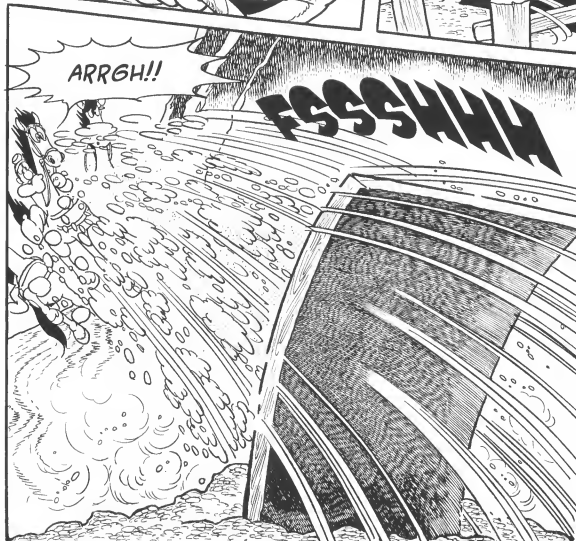
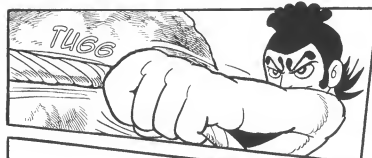
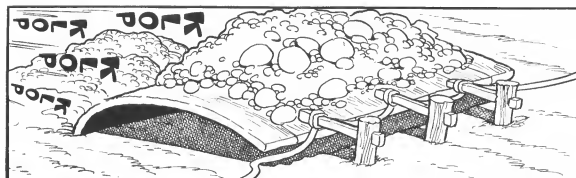
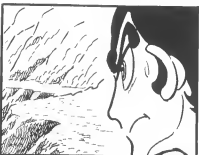
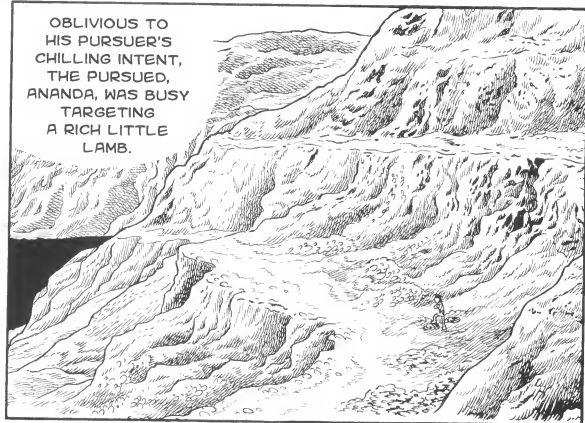


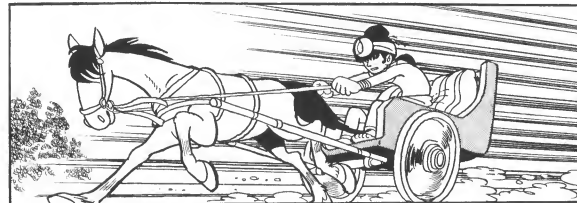
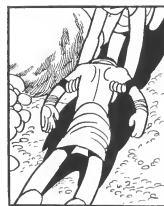
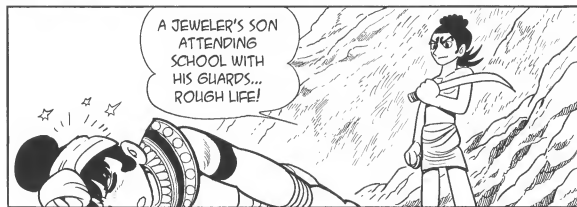
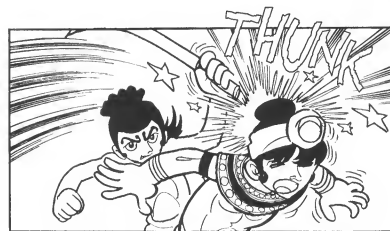
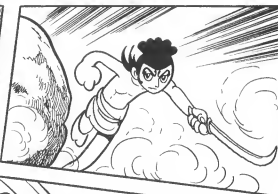
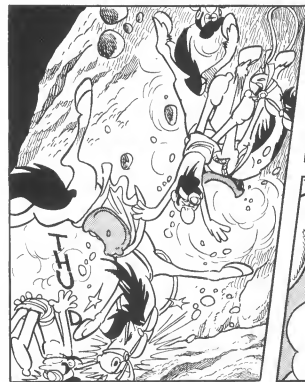
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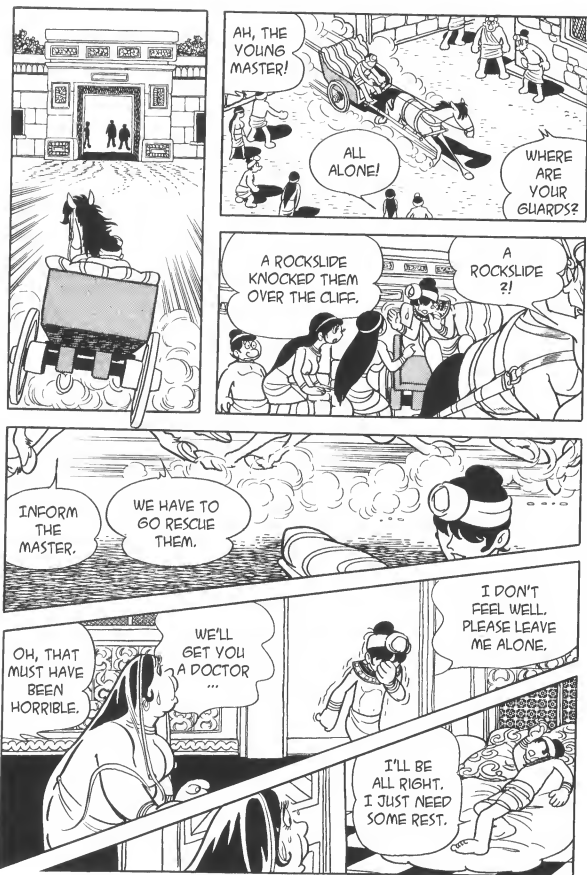


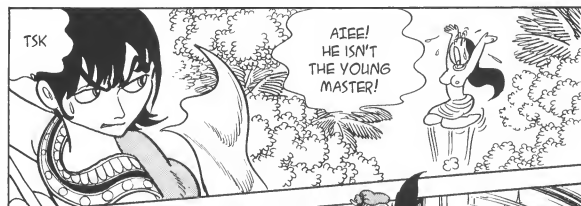
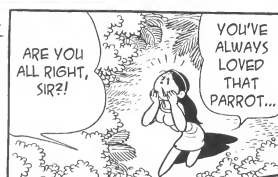
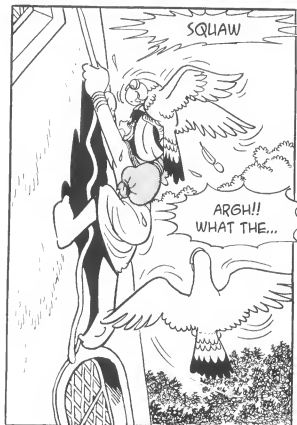
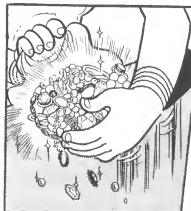
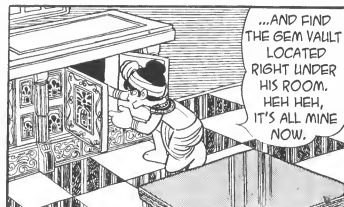
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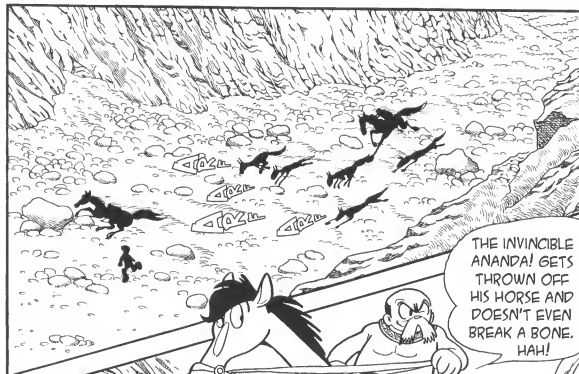
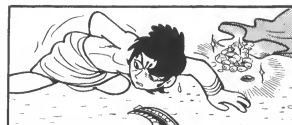
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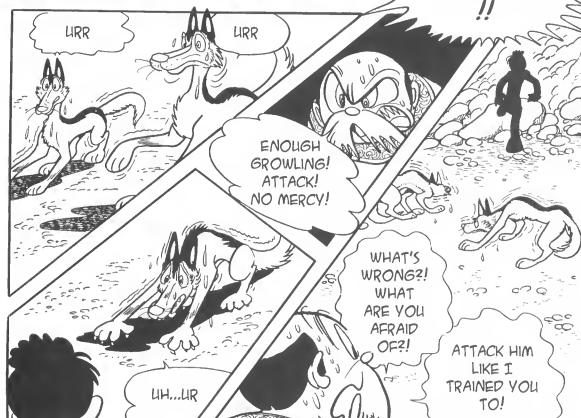
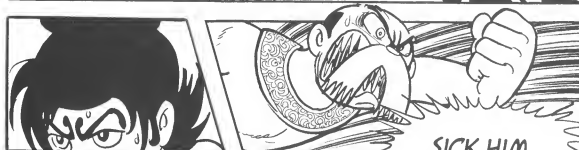
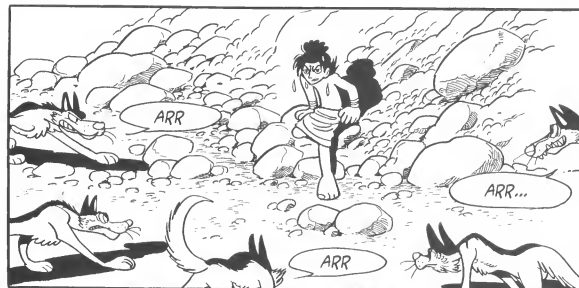
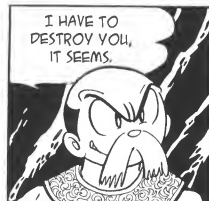
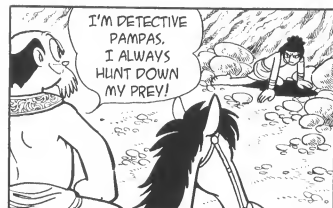


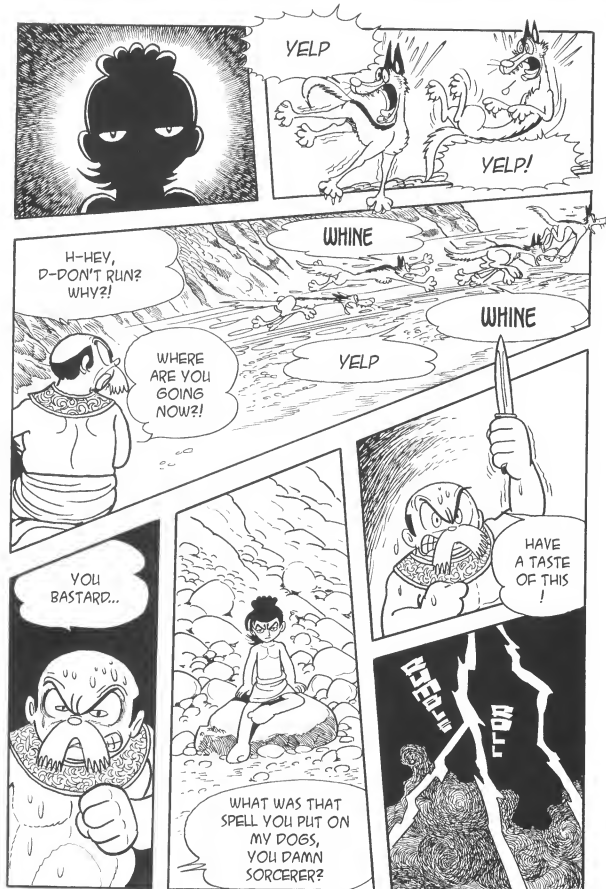














I DON'T KNOW
WHO YOU ARE,
BUT YOU SAVE ME
EVERY TIME
I'M IN A JAM...

YOU
CHASED
AWAY
THE DOGS
TODAY,

YOU ZAPPED
THAT COP
WITH
LIGHTNING.



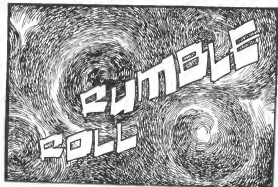
BUT
WHY
?

WHY DO YOU
LOOK AFTER
ME?



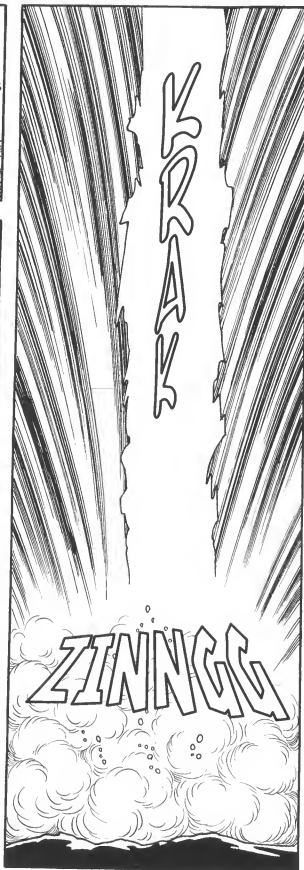
WHO
ARE
YOU
?

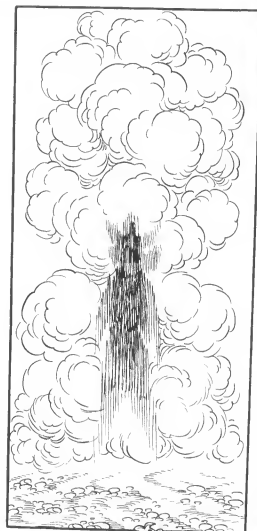
YOU
BETTER
NOT
EXPECT
ANYTHING
IN RETURN.



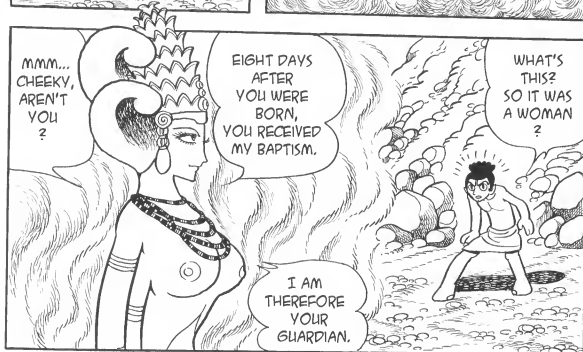
EVER SINCE I WAS
A KID, I'VE MANAGED
TO REVIVE—NO
MATTER HOW DEEP
THE WOUND.

I'D
RATHER
YOU
TOLD
ME
WHY.





AT LAST
YOU SHOW
YOURSELF,
MASTERMIND.



MMM...
CHEEKY,
AREN'T
YOU
?

EIGHT DAYS
AFTER
YOU WERE
BORN,
YOU RECEIVED
MY BAPTISM.

I AM
THEREFORE
YOUR
GUARDIAN.

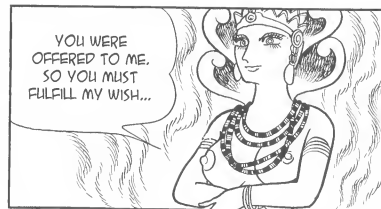
WHAT'S
THIS?
SO IT WAS
A WOMAN
?



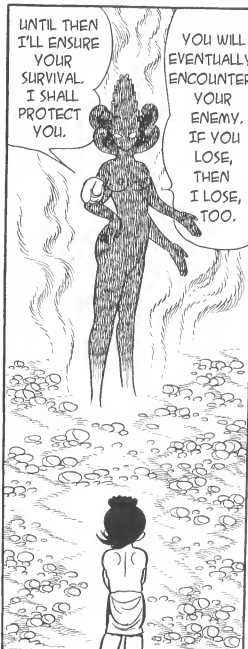
HAH,
GIVE
ME A
BREAK!

DON'T
MAKE
ME
LAUGH

YOU
OLD
MA
!



YOU WERE
OFFERED TO ME.
SO YOU MUST
FULFILL MY WISH...



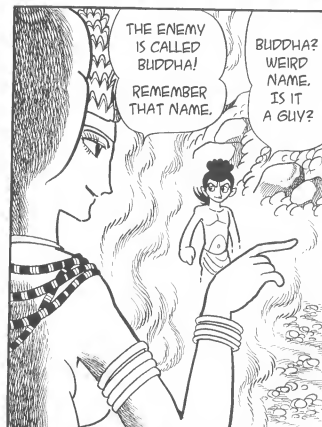
UNTIL THEN
I'LL ENSURE
YOUR
SURVIVAL.
I SHALL
PROTECT
YOU.

YOU WILL
EVENTUALLY
ENCOUNTER
YOUR
ENEMY.
IF YOU
LOSE,
THEN
I LOSE,
TOO.



I GOT
NO IDEA
WHAT
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT...

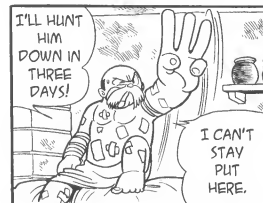
WHO'S
YOUR
ENEMY,
MA?
I DON'T
WANT ANY
PART OF
SOME
CATFIGHT.



THE ENEMY
IS CALLED
BUDDHA!

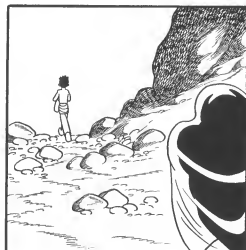
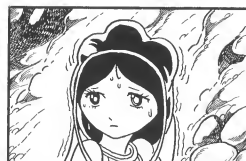
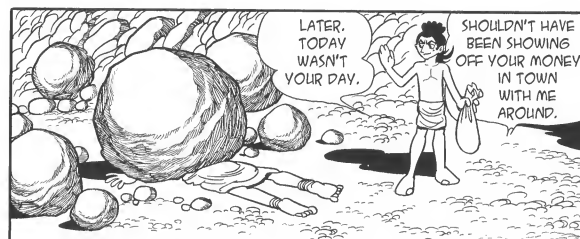
REMEMBER
THAT NAME.

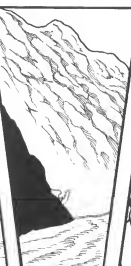
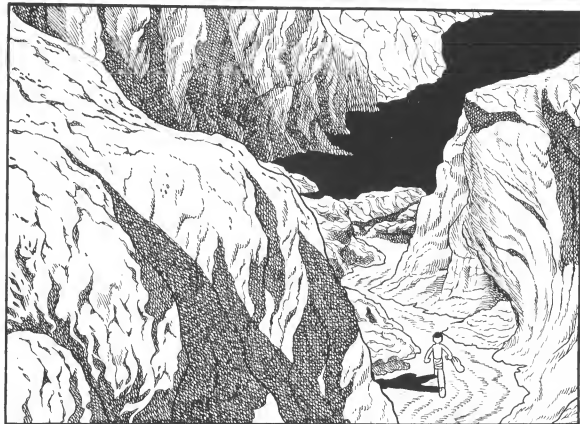
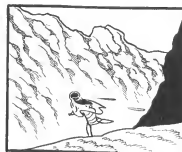
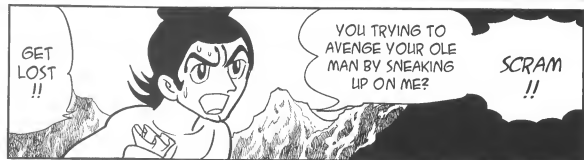
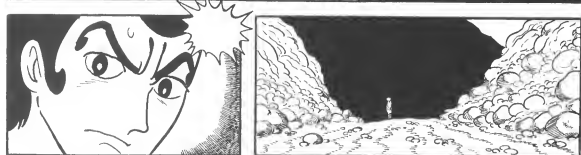
BUDDHA?
WEIRD
NAME.
IS IT
A GUY?

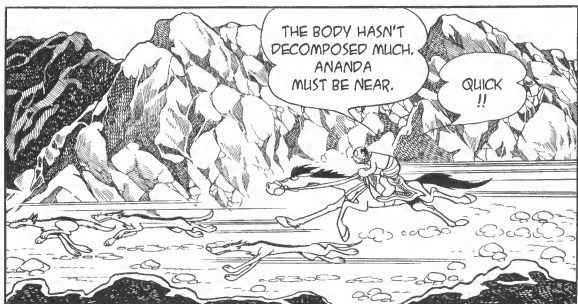
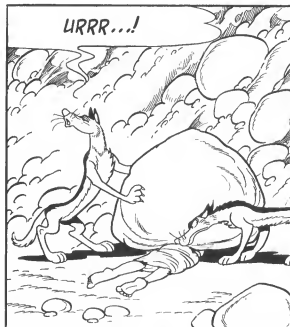
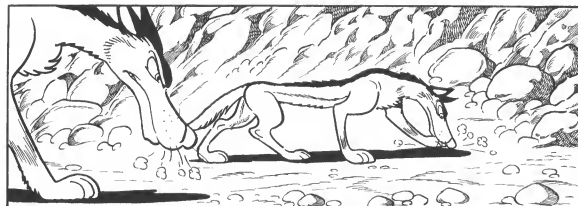
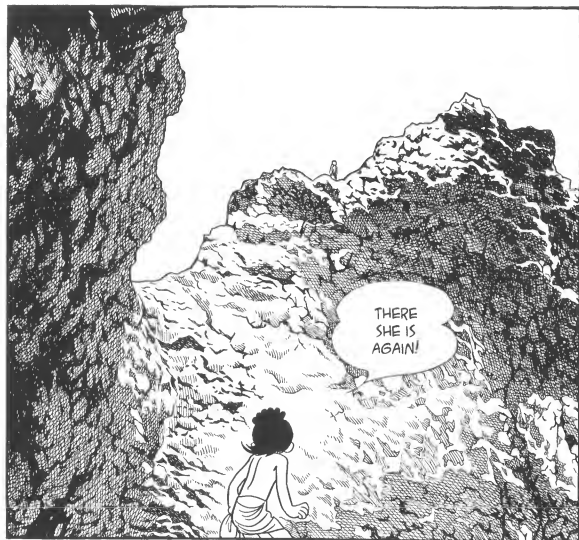


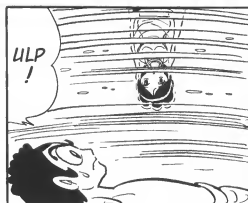
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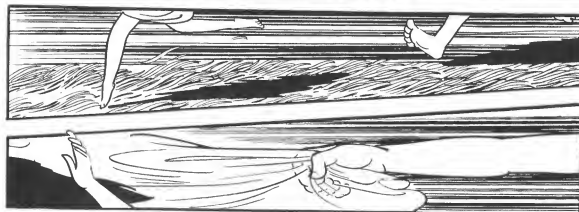
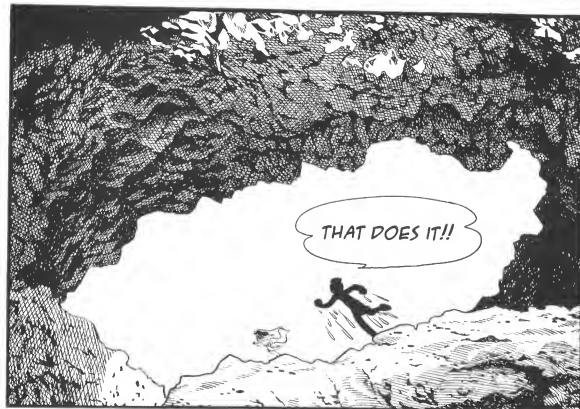




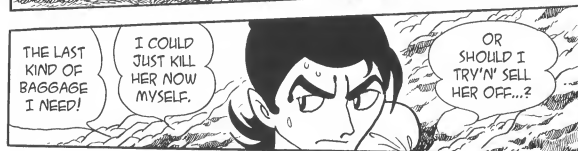


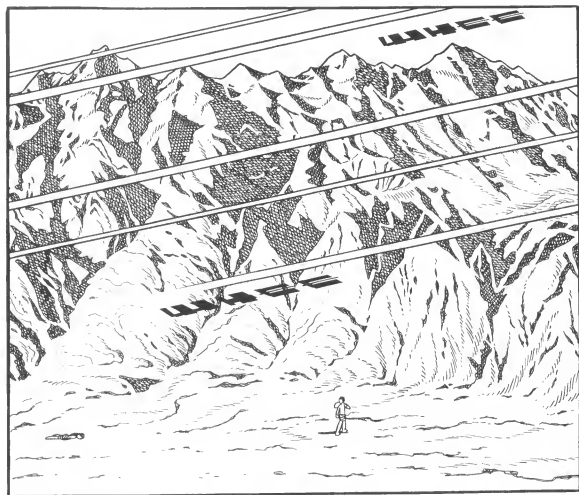


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WHERE'S
THE
KEEPER
?



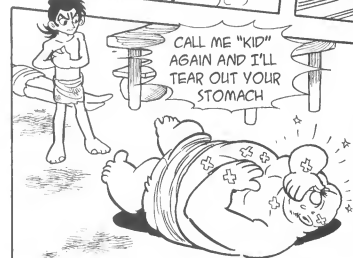
THAT'S ME.
WHAT
DO YOU
WANT,
KID?



FOOD AND
WATER AND
A ROOM
FOR
THIS GIRL.

THIS IS
AN INN,
WE'VE
GOT
ALL THAT.

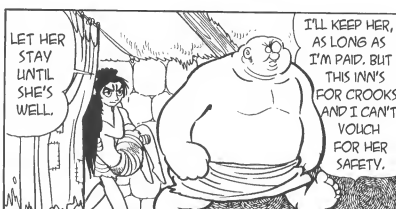
HAVE
YOU
GOT ANY
MONEY,
KID?



CALL ME "KID"
AGAIN AND I'LL
TEAR OUT YOUR
STOMACH



HERE'S
THE
MONEY



LET HER
STAY
UNTIL
SHE'S
WELL.

I'LL KEEP HER,
AS LONG AS
I'M PAID. BUT
THIS INN'S
FOR CROOKS
AND I CAN'T
VOUCH
FOR HER
SAFETY.



HEY,
ARE YOU
AWAKE?

STAY HERE UNTIL
YOU'RE FULLY RESTED.
SO LONG!



A. A...



A...!
A...!

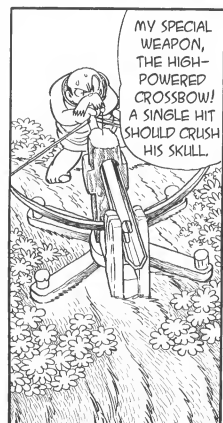
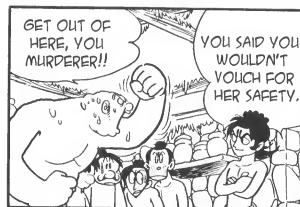
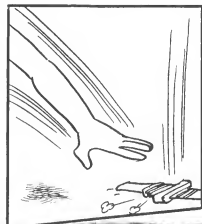
HEE HEE
HEH HEH
HEH

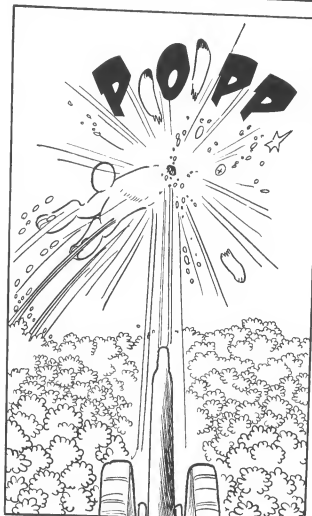
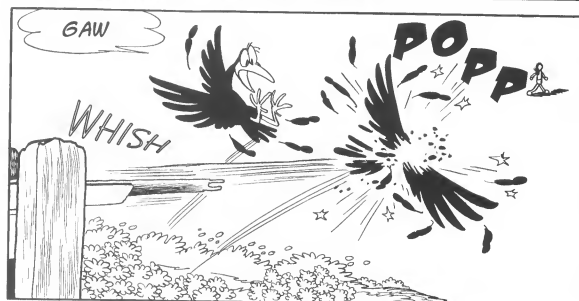
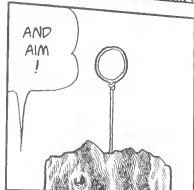
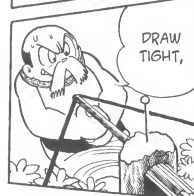


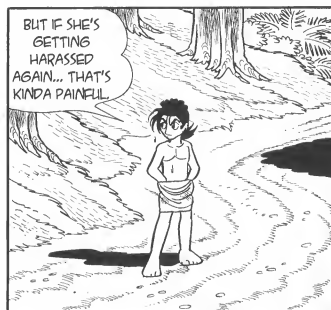
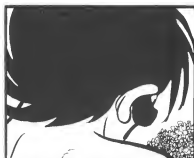
I TOLD
YOU.
YOU'RE
A BURDEN
TO ME.

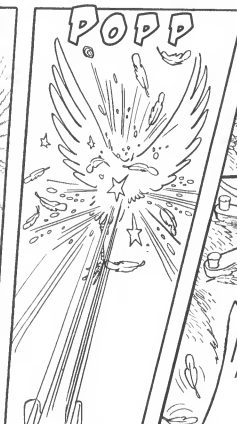
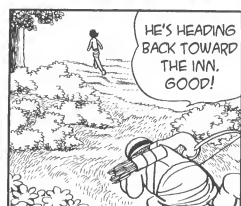


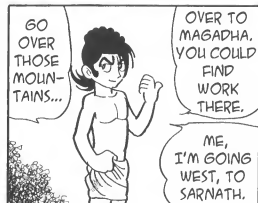
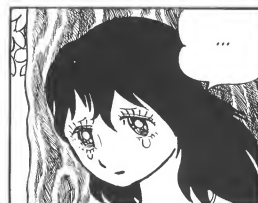
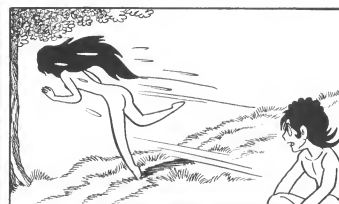






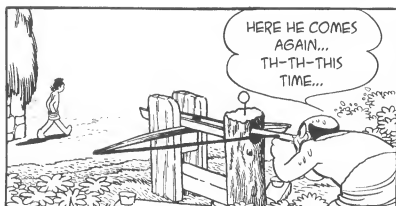




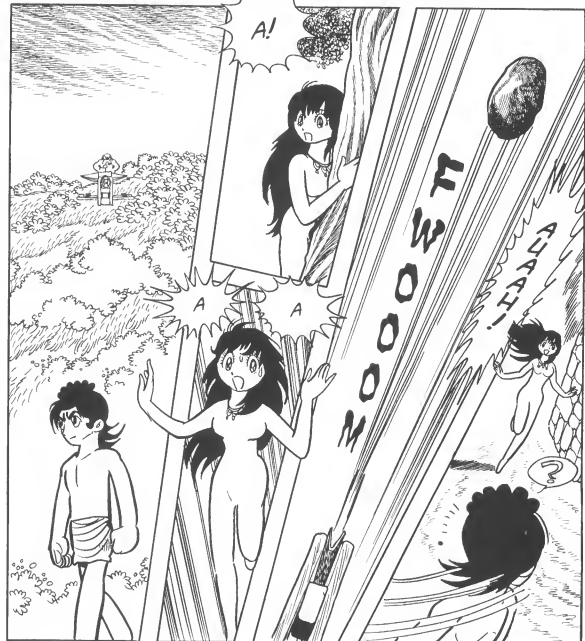




TAKE CARE



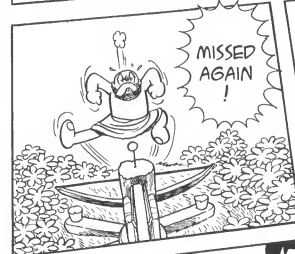
HERE HE COMES AGAIN...
TH-TH-THIS TIME...



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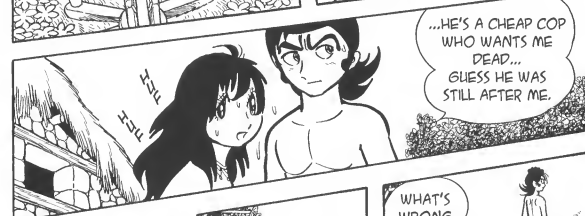
HUH?



MISSED AGAIN!



IT WASN'T ME...

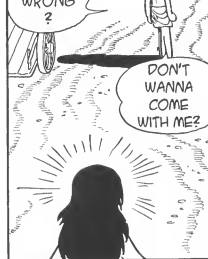
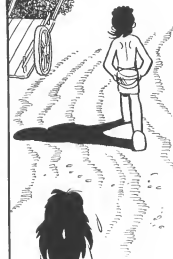


...HE'S A CHEAP COP WHO WANTS ME DEAD...
GUESS HE WAS STILL AFTER ME.



YOU SAVED MY LIFE.

THANKS



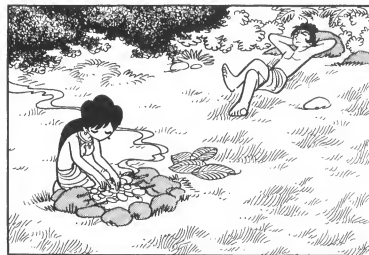
WHAT'S WRONG?

DON'T WANNA COME WITH ME?

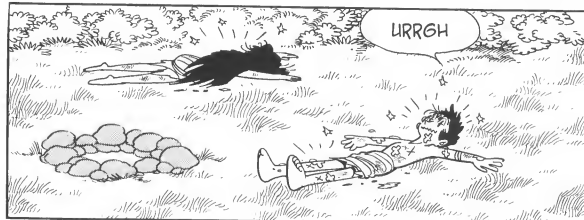
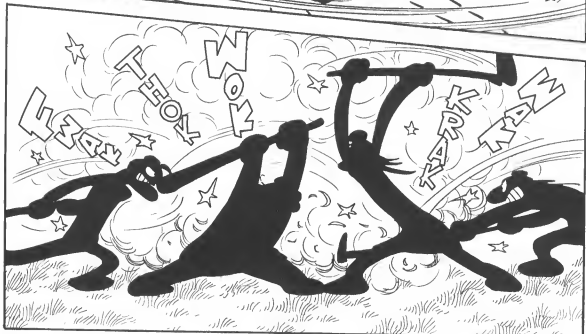
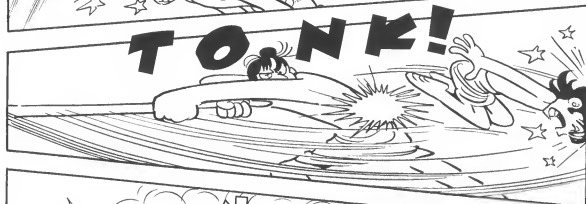
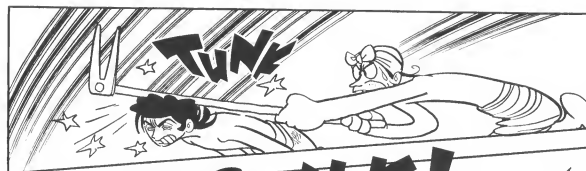
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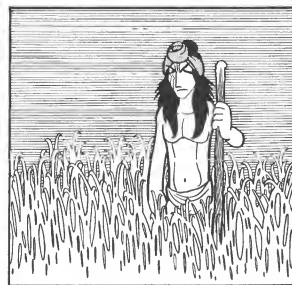
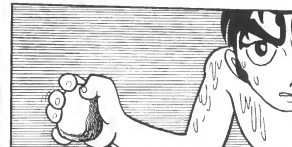


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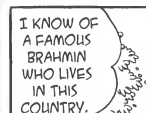


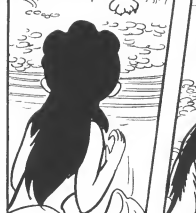
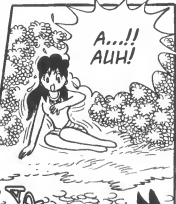
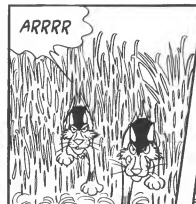
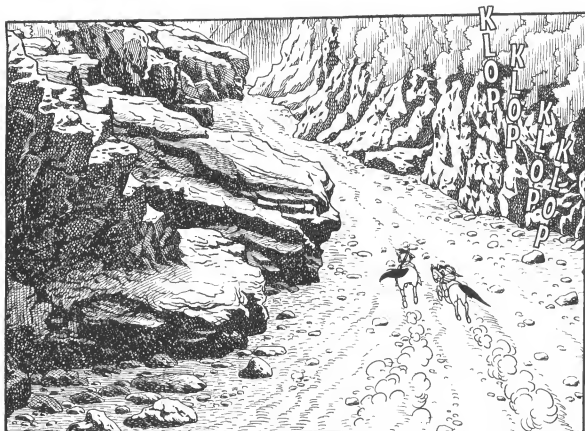


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SO THAT'S
THE MONK'S
MANSION.
AIN'T IT
GORGEOUS
...

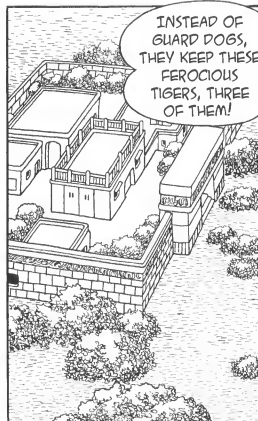


THE BRAHMIN'S GOT
A LOT OF POWER.
HE'S SIPHONED OFF
THE ROYAL FAMILY'S
TREASURE, AND THAT'S
WHERE HE
HOARDS IT.



WHY NOT
PULL THIS
OFF SOLO
?

TAKE A
GOOD
LOOK



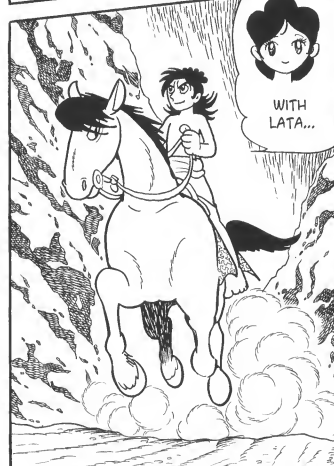
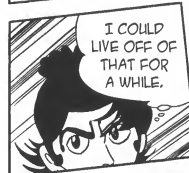
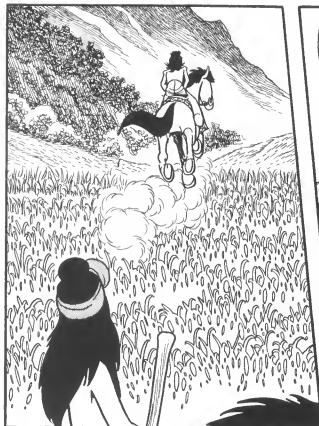
INSTEAD OF
GUARD DOGS,
THEY KEEP THESE
FEROCIOUS
TIGERS, THREE
OF THEM!

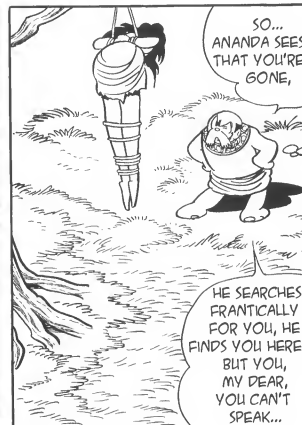
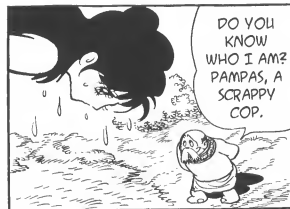
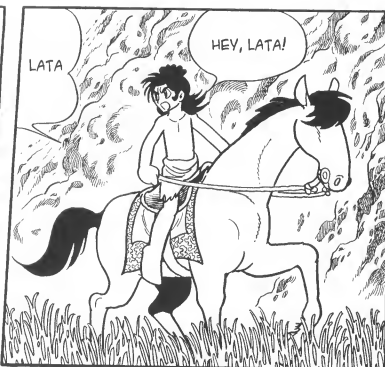


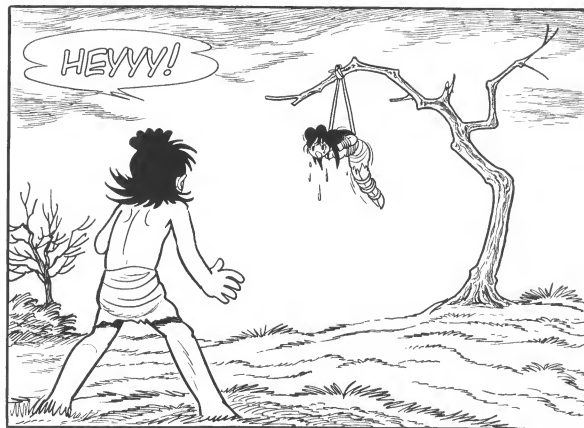
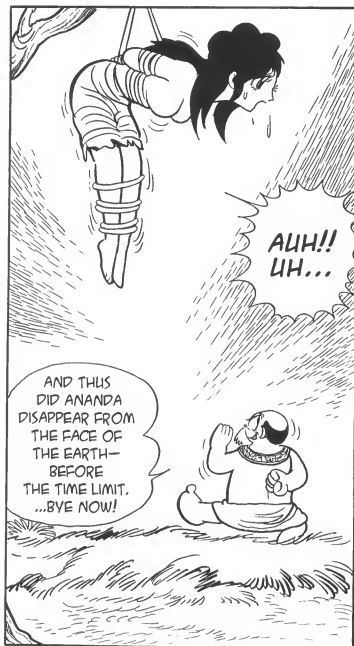
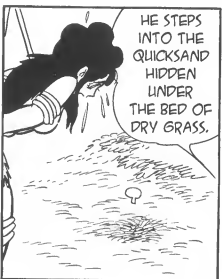
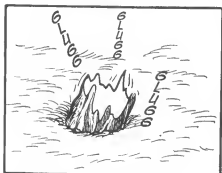
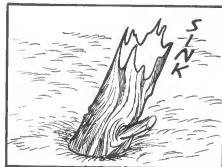
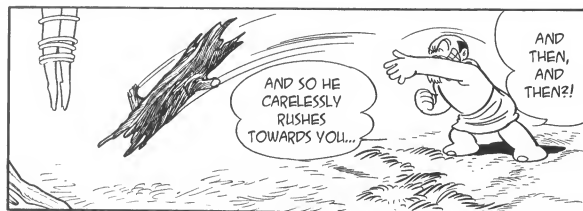
I COULD DEAL
WITH A TIGER.
BUT THREE?
I CAN'T
GO INTO THIS
ALL BY MY
LONESOME.

THEY SAY
YOU CAN
PETRIFY
POLICE DOGS,
USING
SORCERY.

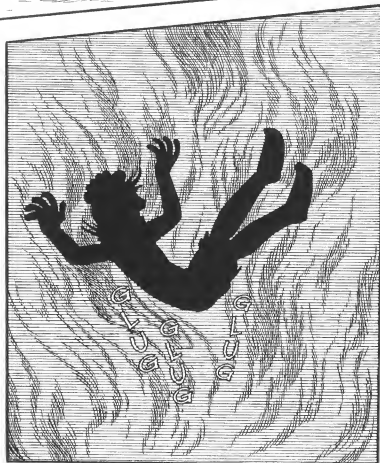
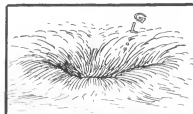
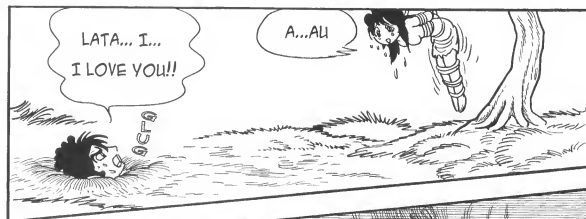
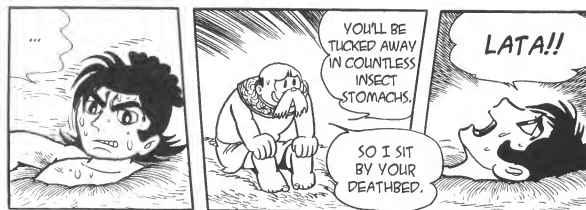
SO I'M
LEAVING
THOSE
TIGERS
TO YOU.





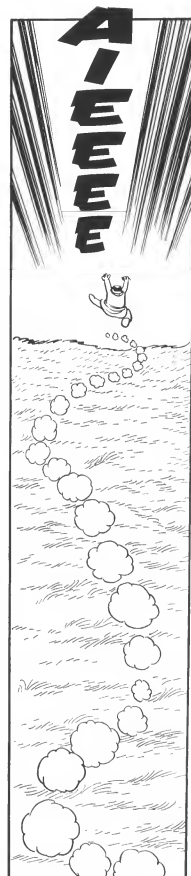
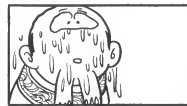
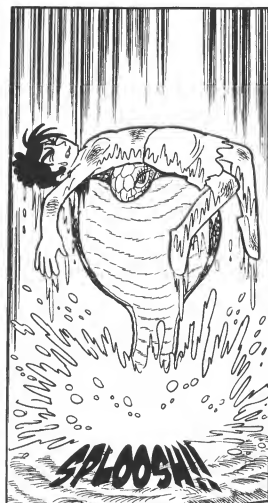




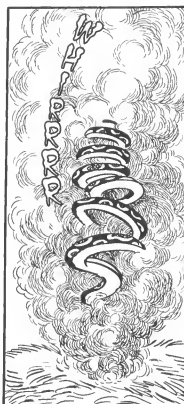




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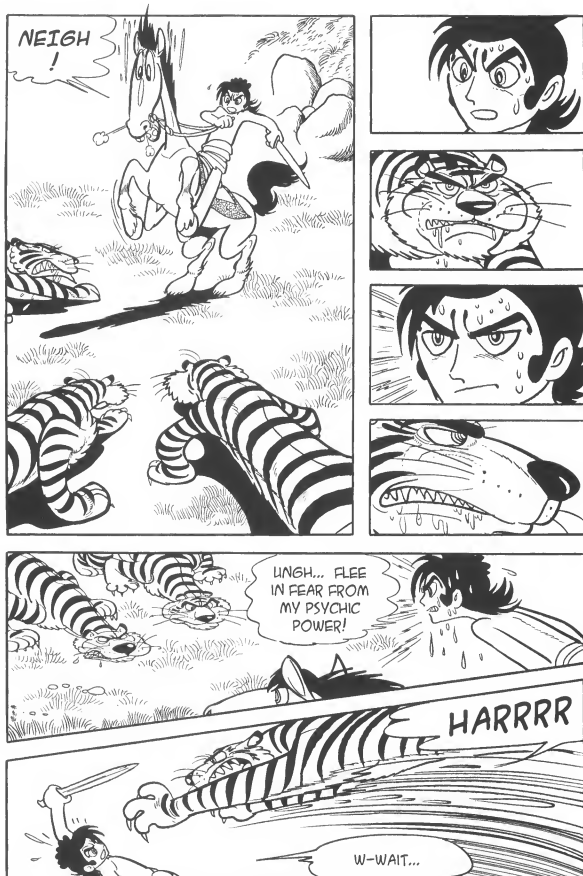


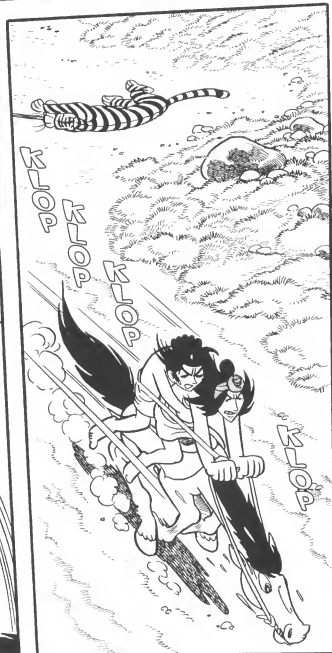
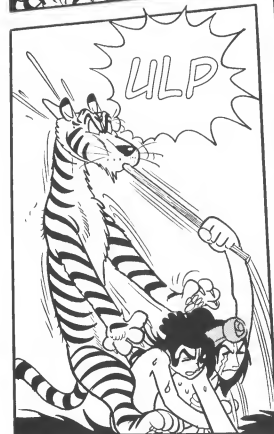
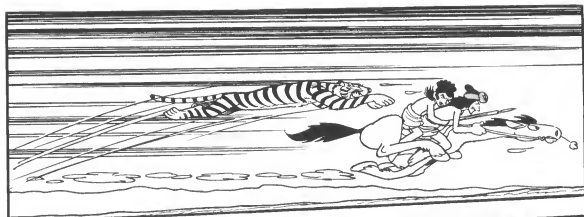
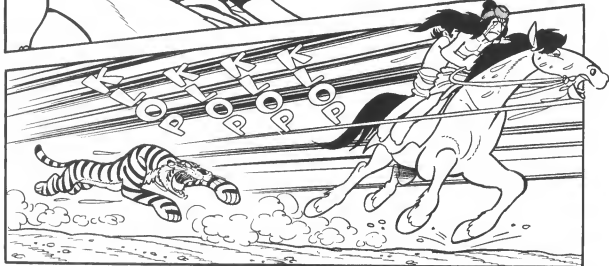
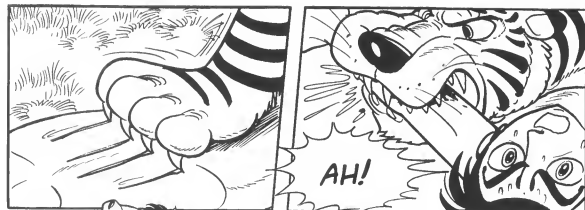
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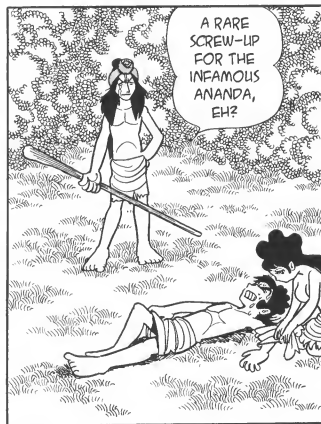
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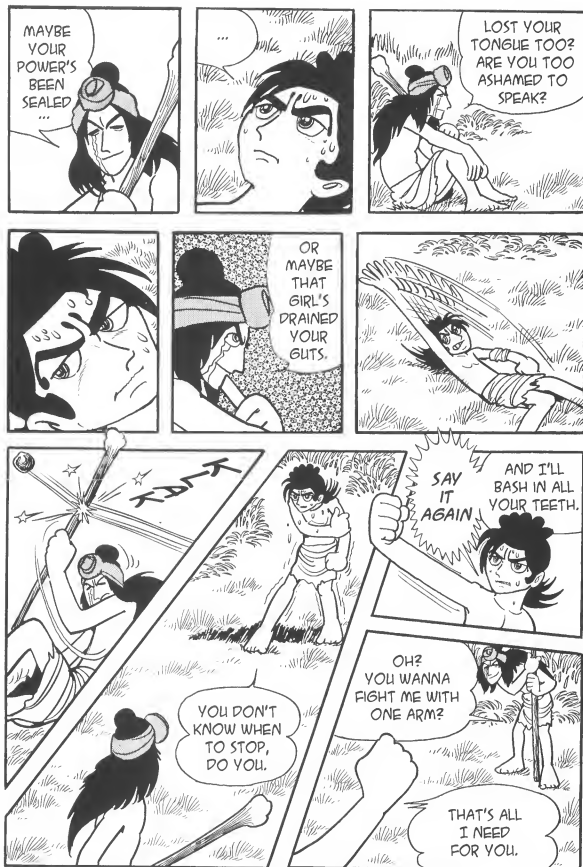


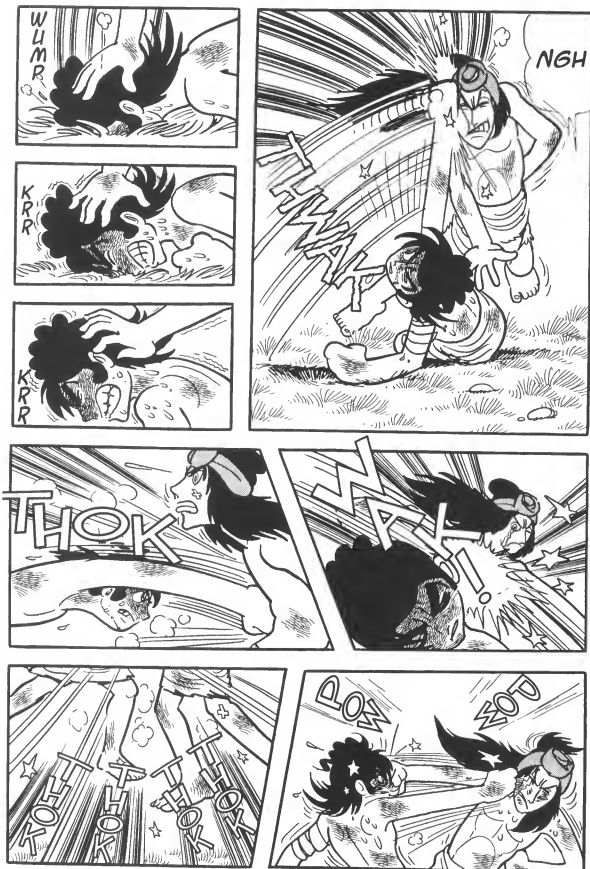


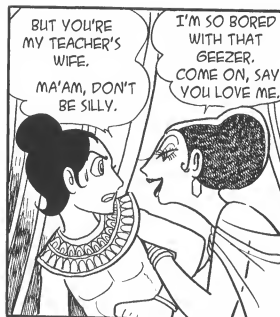
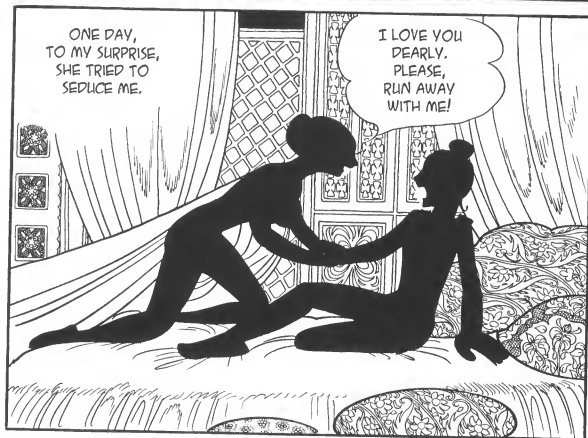
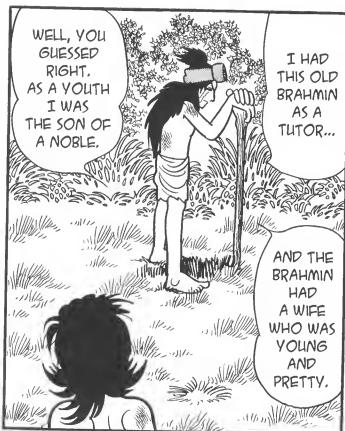


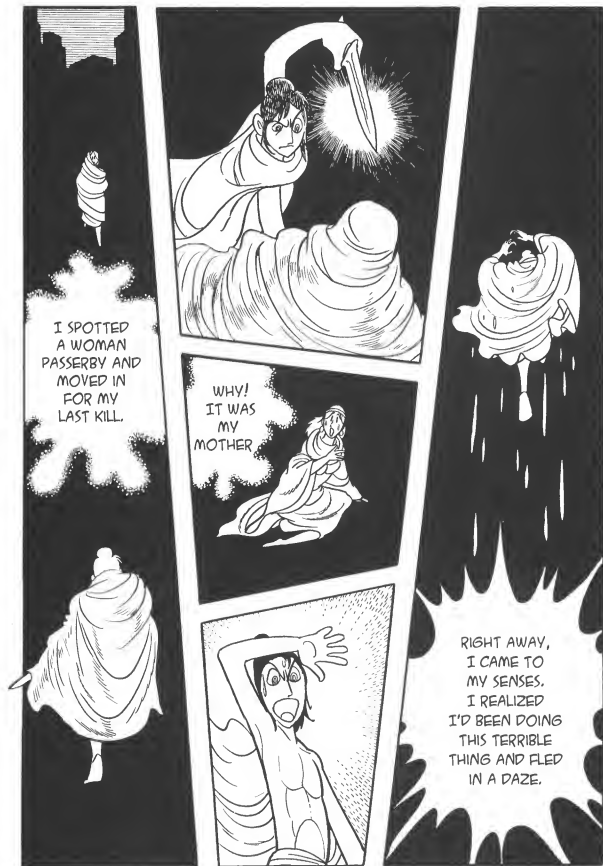
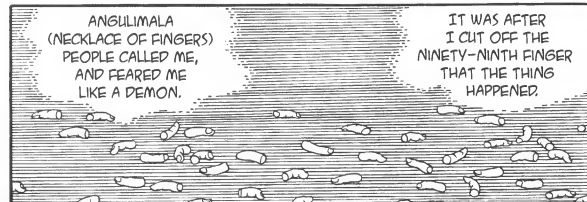
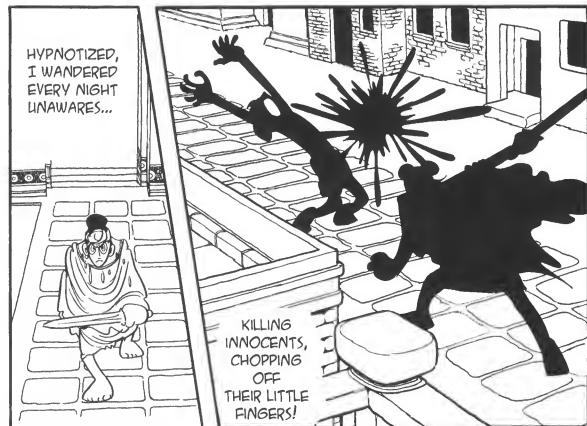
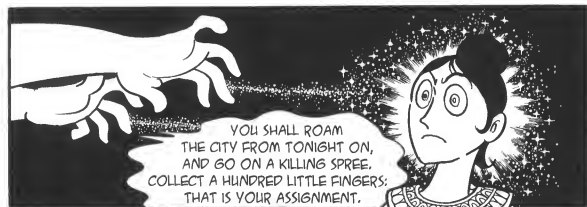


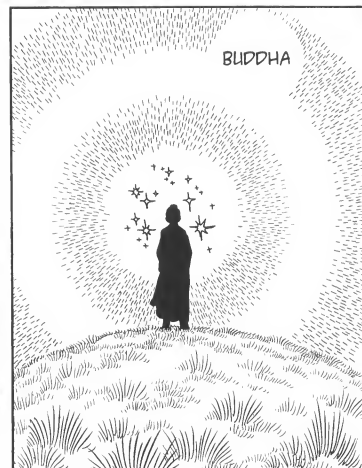


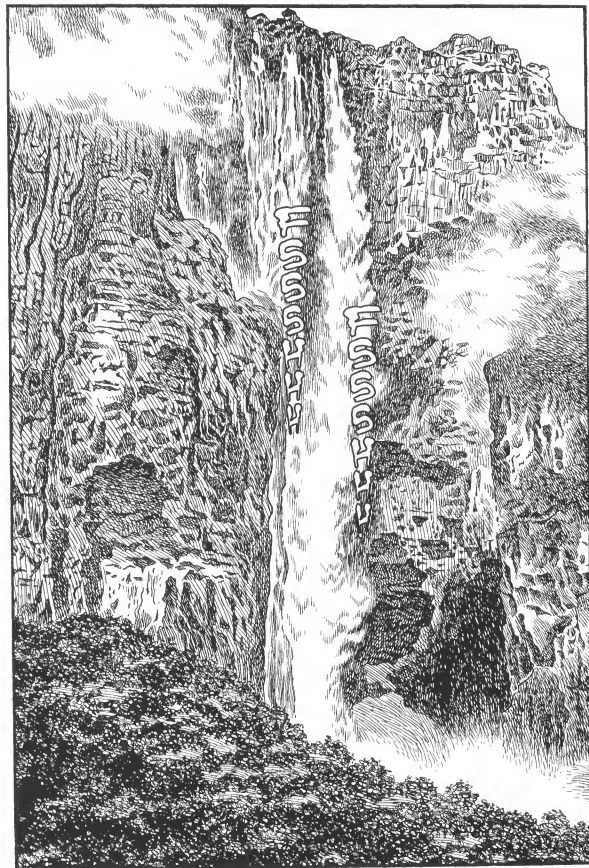


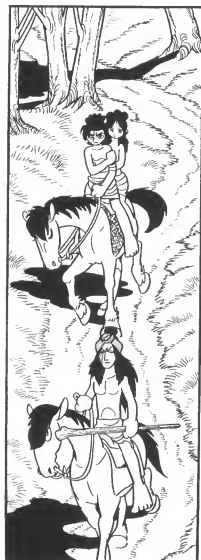












HA HA HA!
LOOK AT ALL
THESE HOOV PRINTS.
WE'LL CATCH UP
WITH THE GOLD
CARRIERS IN
NO TIME.

LEAVE
ME
ALONE!!



A-
A-
!!



HMMM...
A TERRIBLE
INFECTION.

HE MAY DIE
IF HE ISN'T
TREATED.

I LOOKED
LIKE
BLACK
JACK?
YOU MUST
HAVE
A BAD
FEVER.



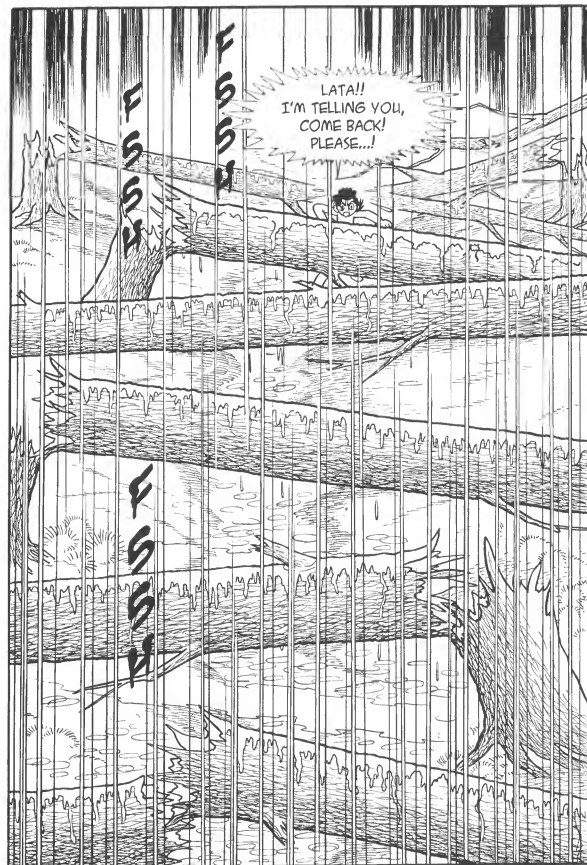
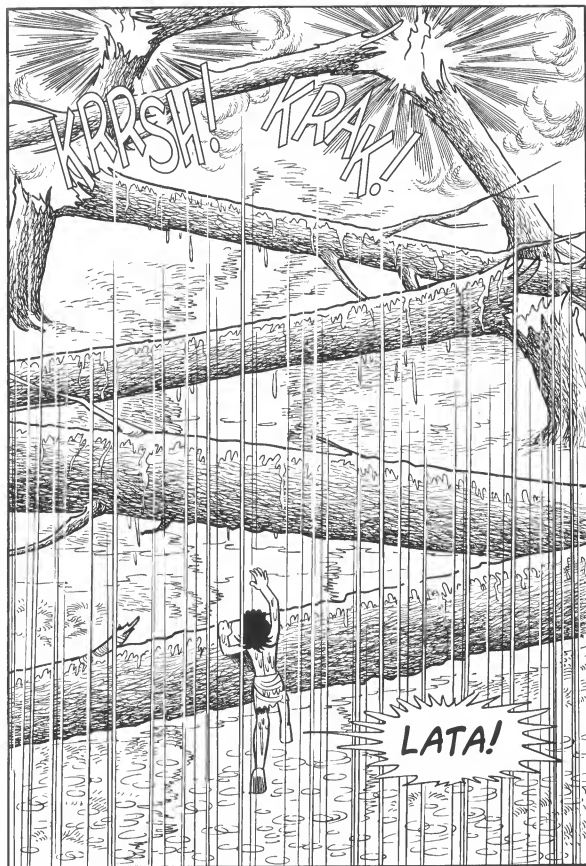
YOU'LL
RUB HERBS
ON IT?

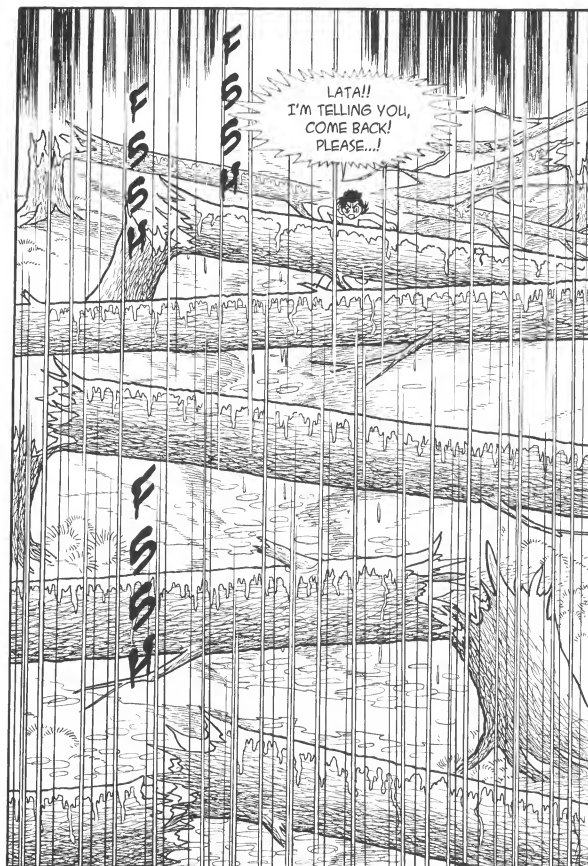
THAT
WOON'T
CURE
HIM.

THIS IS
THE DEVIL'S
WORK.
HE'S BEING
PUNISHED
WITH THIS
WOUND.











DAMN IT...
SHE'S GONE...



HEY,
SISSY

YOU CAN
STOP
CRYING
NOW.



YOU...
YOU
CHASED
HER
AWAY!



BAH!!

THUNK

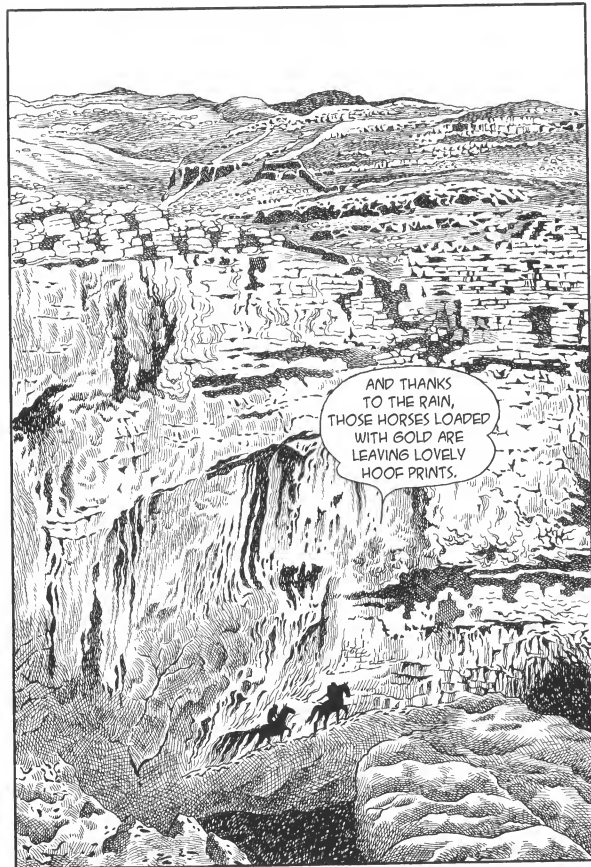


WAKE
UP!

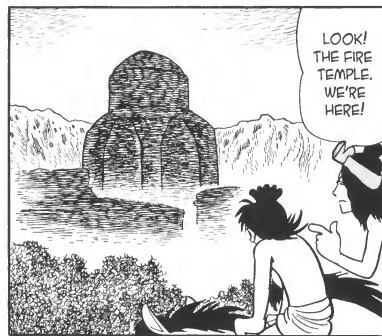
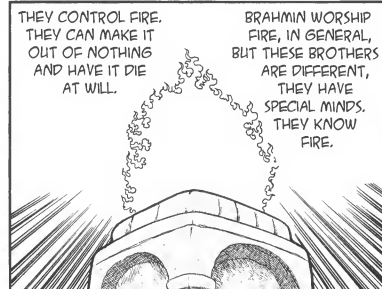
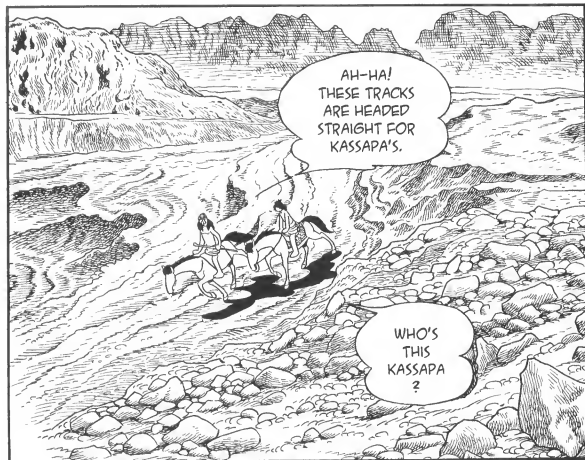
LET'S
GO...



HOW CUTE OF THE DEVIL.
THE MOMENT LATA'S
GONE, THE SKY'S
CLEAR.

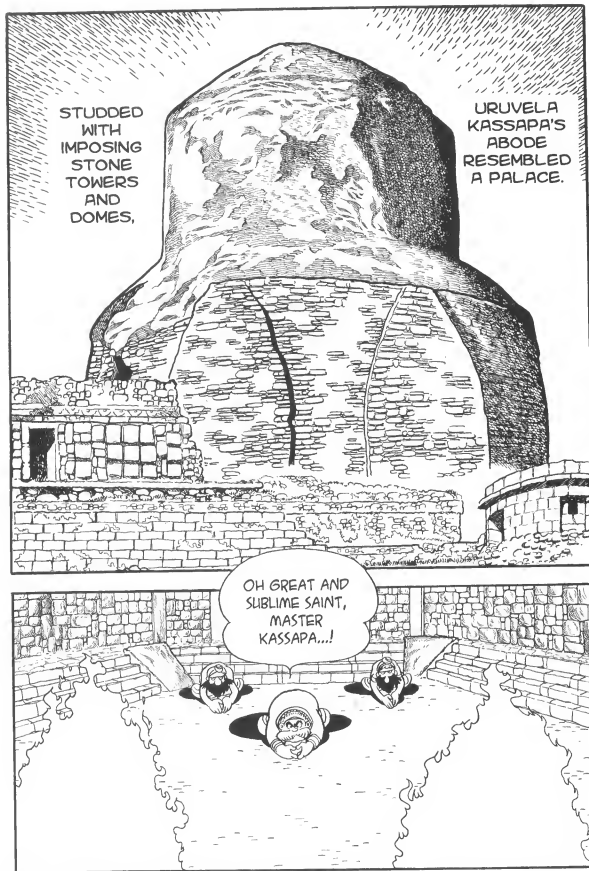


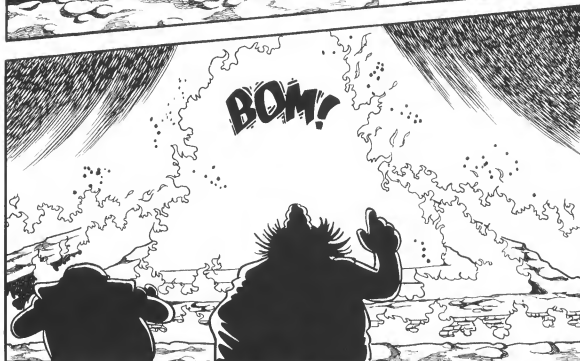
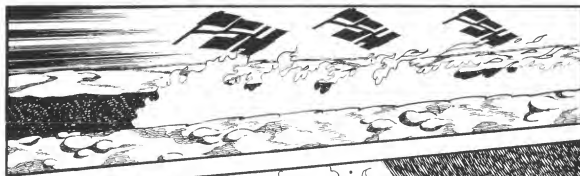
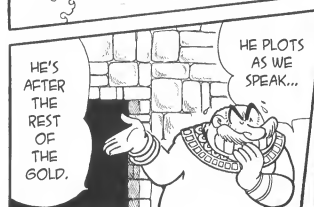
AND THANKS
TO THE RAIN,
THOSE HORSES LOADED
WITH GOLD ARE
LEAVING LOVELY
HOOF PRINTS.

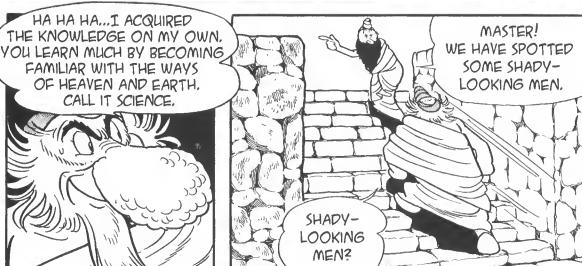
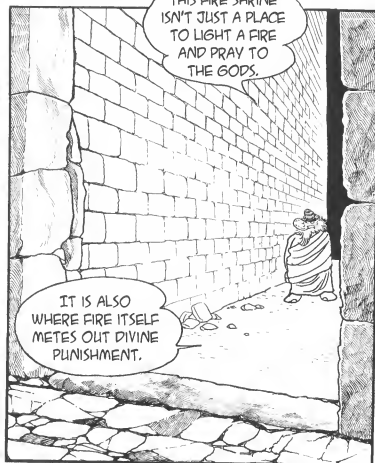


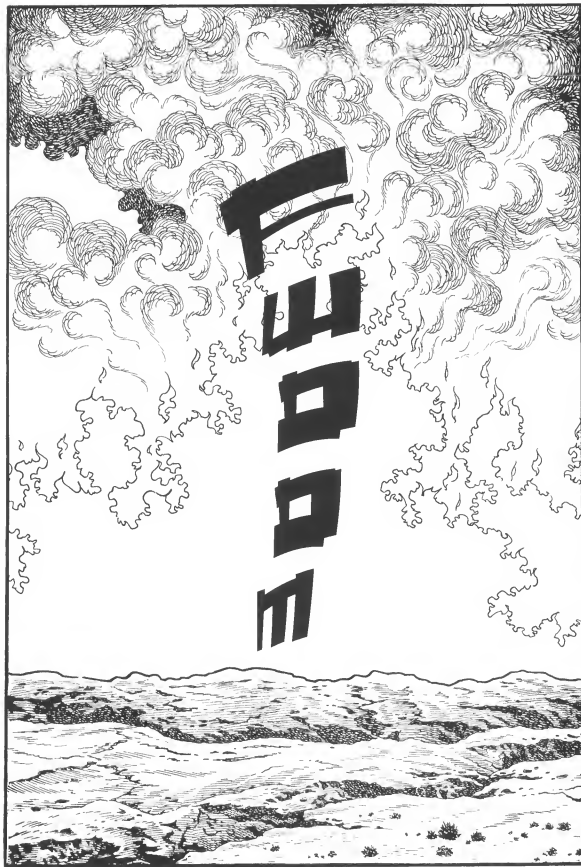
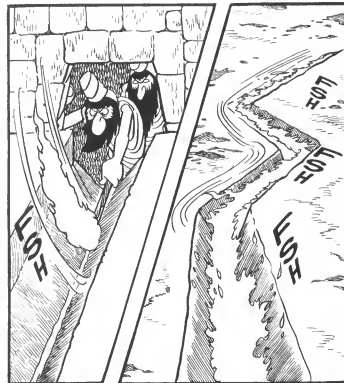
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THE FIRE SHRINE

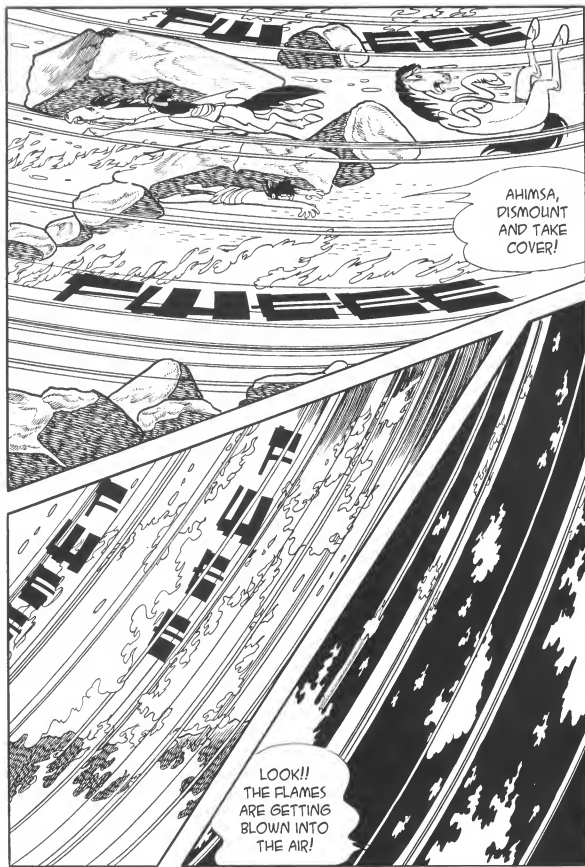


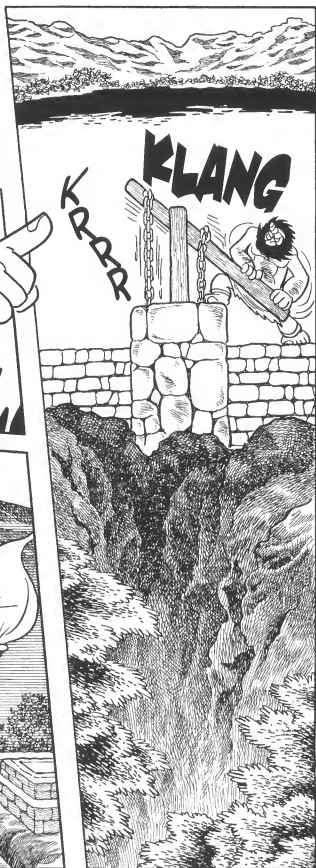
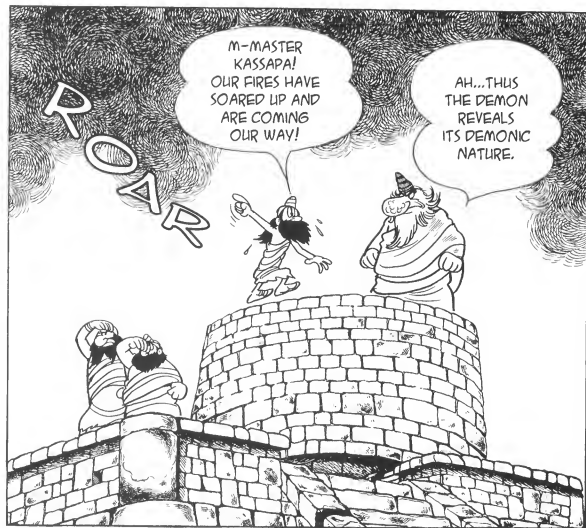






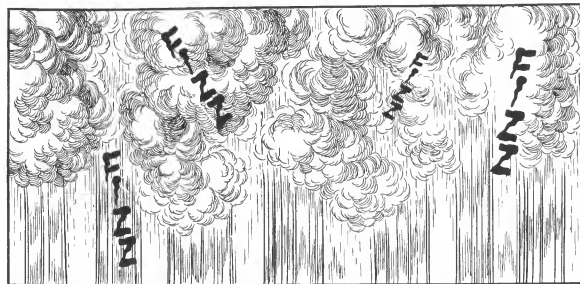




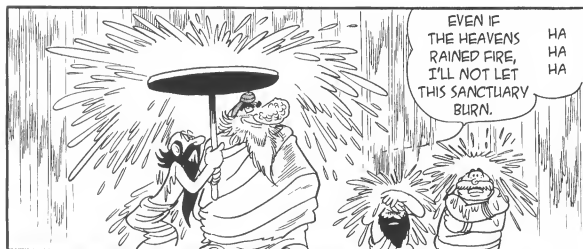




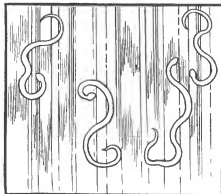
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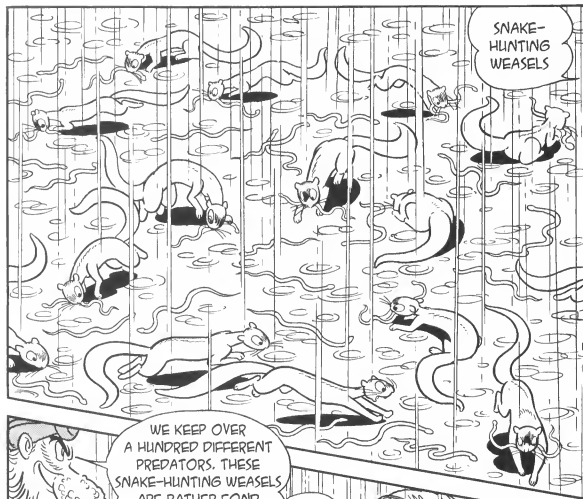


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KASSAPA'S CONTRIVANCE
OPERATED ACCORDING TO
THE SAME PRINCIPLE.
OF COURSE, AS THE FOUNTAIN.
WATER WAS LET DOWN THROUGH
A GATE FROM A HILLTOP LAKE
AND ALLOWED TO GUSH UP.
HE'D HAD THE FIRE SHRINE
BUILT BY A LAKE PRECISELY
FOR THIS PURPOSE.





WE KEEP OVER
A HUNDRED DIFFERENT
PREDATORS. THESE
SNAKE-HUNTING WEASELS
ARE RATHER FOND
OF THE POISONOUS
VARIETY.

O HOLY
SAINT
!!



I AM
TRULY
HUMBLED.



HEY,
ANANDA...
THE WIND'S
DIED
DOWN.

THE FIRE'S
OUT TOO...
WHAT
THE HELL
IS GOING
ON?



THAT'S WHAT
I'D LIKE TO
KNOW.

AT ANY
RATE,
NOW'S
OUR
CHANCE.



I SMELL
BEASTS...
THIS ROOM
?



AH HA!

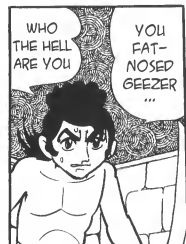
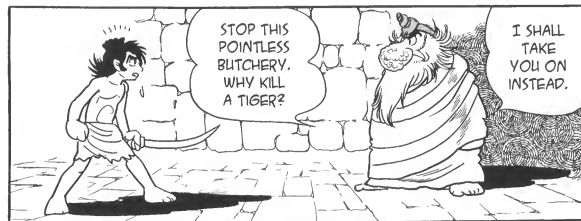
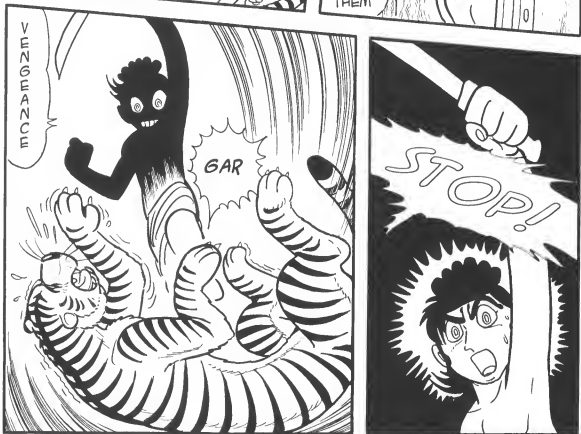
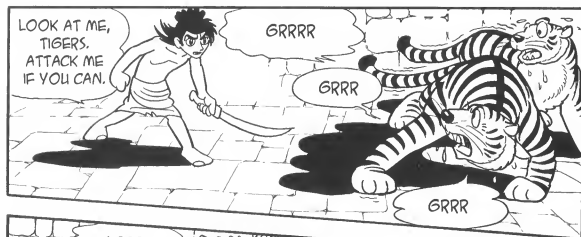


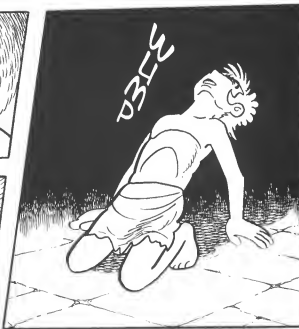
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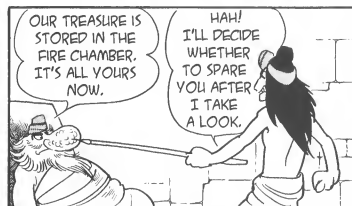
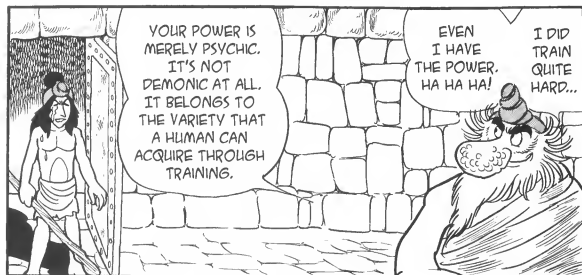
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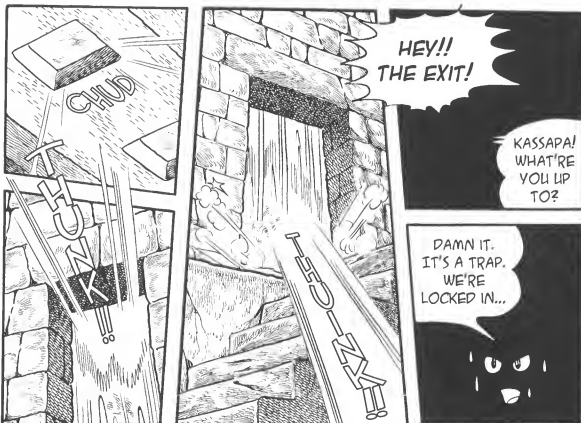
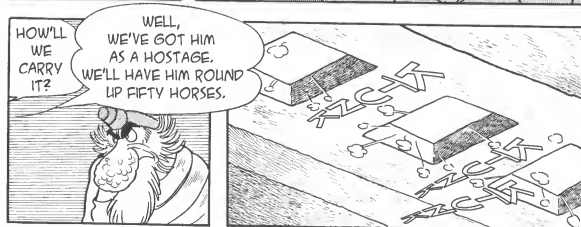
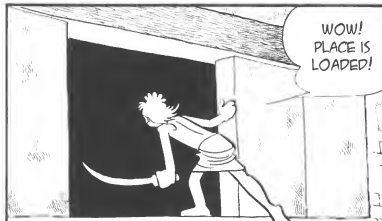


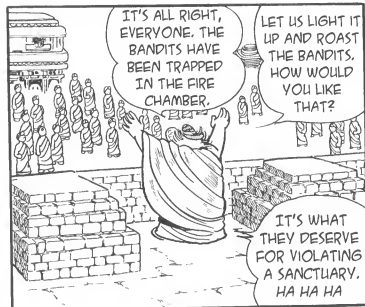
GRRR...













...THOUGHT THERE'D BE MORE ...ALL IT'S DOING IS BURN.

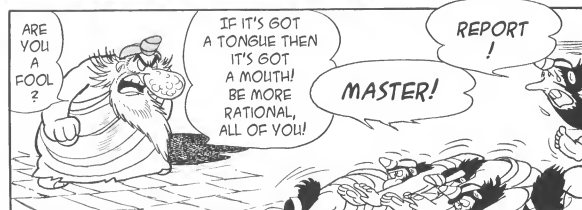
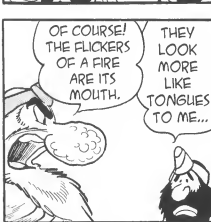
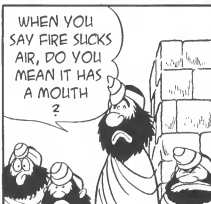
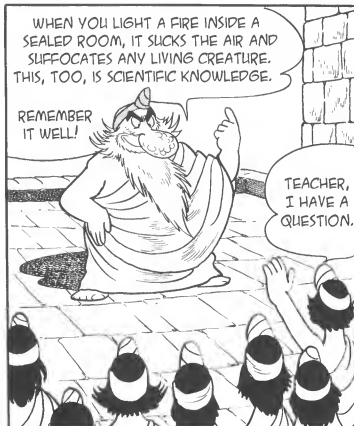


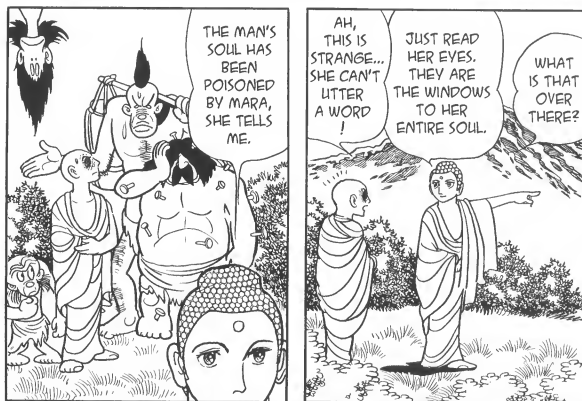
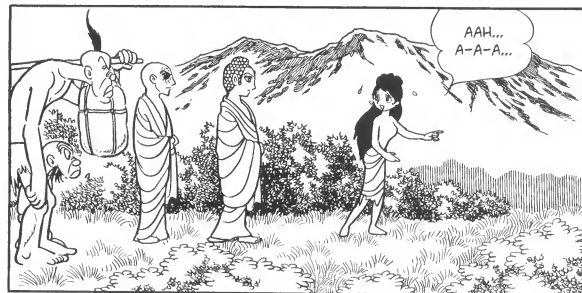
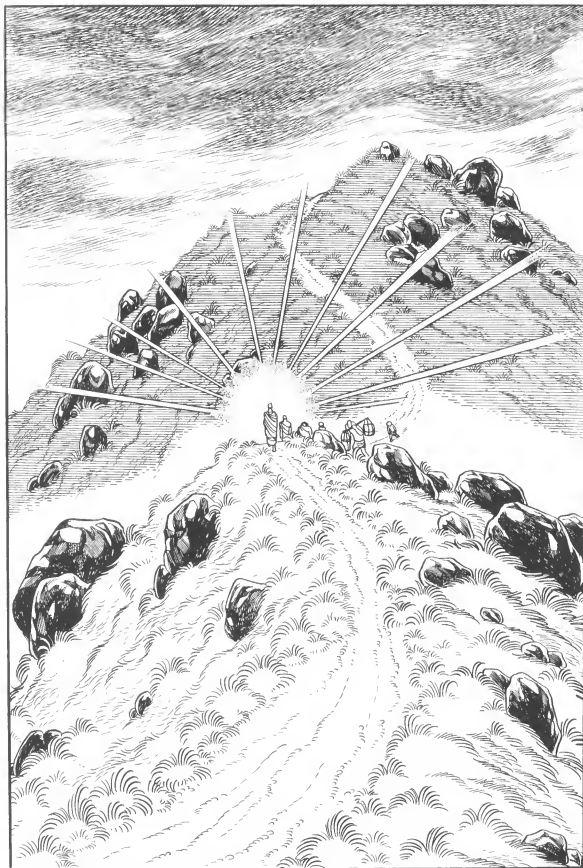
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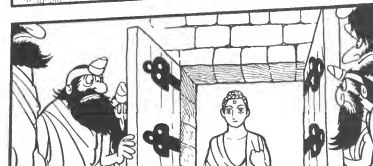
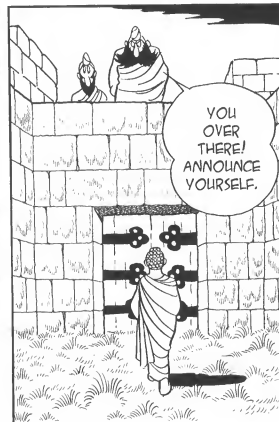
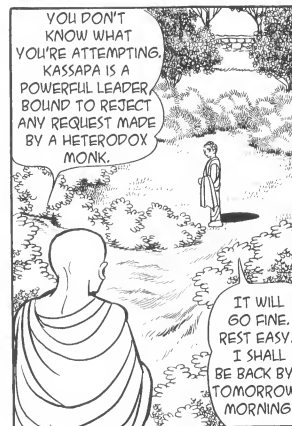
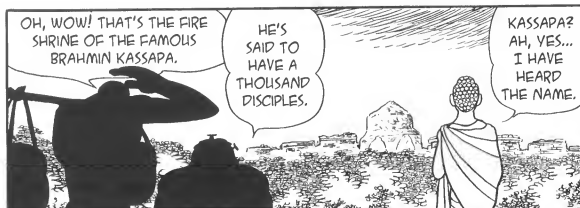


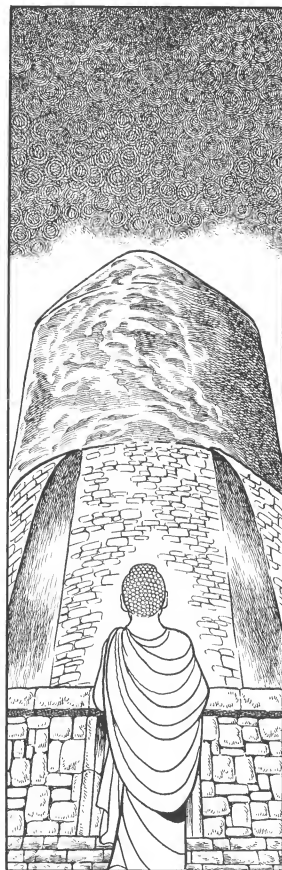
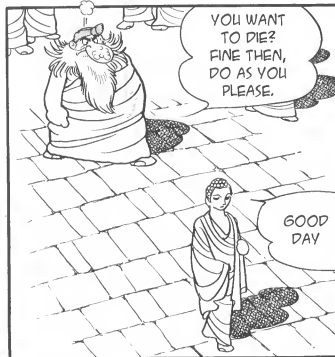
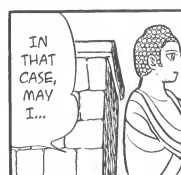


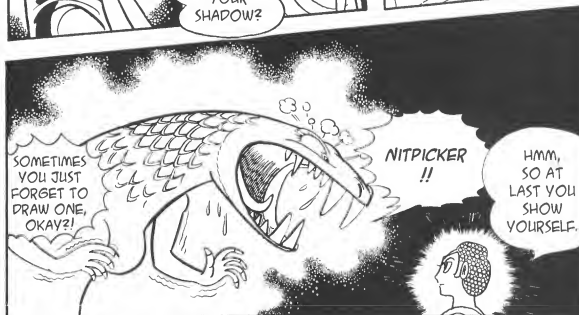
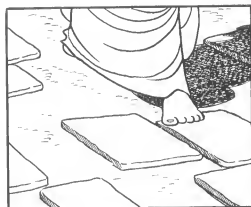
THIS TIME... THIS IS BEYOND MY KEN TOO.











ME,
A DEVIL?
MONK,
YOU'RE
BADLY
MISTAKEN!

THAT GURU
TRAPPED
US HERE,
ACCUSING US OF
DISOBEYING HIS
TEACHINGS.

MY BELOVED
IS ON THE BRINK
OF DEATH...
PLEASE...
HELP HIM...

ENOUGH

DON'T
THINK
YOU CAN
FOOL ME!

SHOW
YOURSELF
!!

YOU
REFUSE
TO SEE
...

...AND
HELP,
EVEN
AS I
BEG
YOU?

YOU HAVE NO
SHADOW! A
FIRE BURNS
OVER YOU
...

WHERE'S
YOUR
SHADOW?

DEAR MONK...
MY BELOVED HAS
COLLAPSED, HE'S
STOPPED BREATHING.
SAVE HIM WITH
YOUR BLESSED
POWERS.

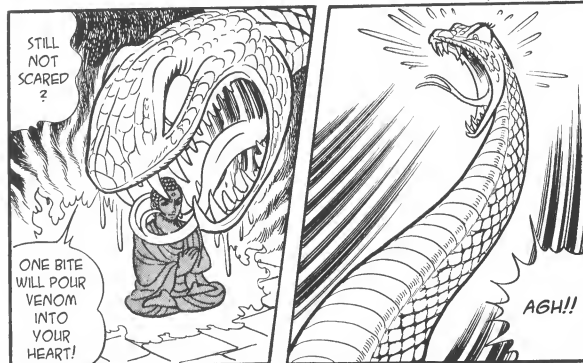
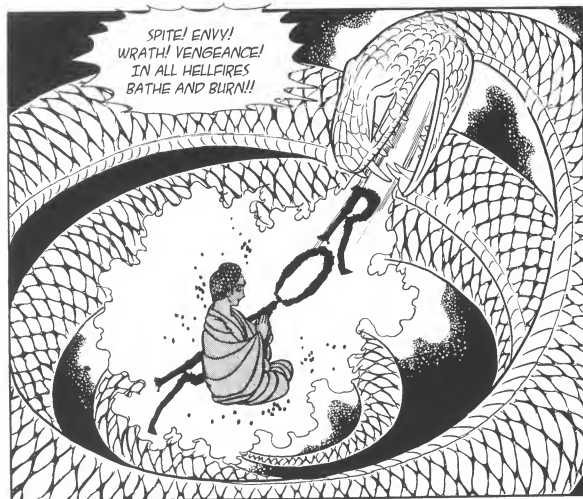
QUIET,
YOU
DEVIL
!!

YOU CAN'T
FOOL ME
BY DISGUISE
YOURSELF AS
A GIRL. I KNOW
WHAT YOU ARE!!

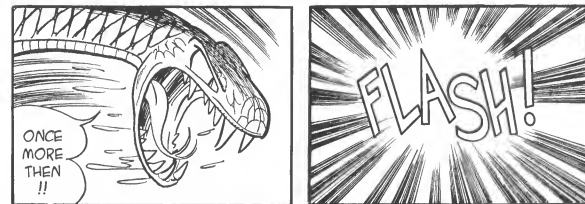
SOMETIMES
YOU JUST
FORGET TO
DRAW ONE,
OKAY?!

NITPICKER
!!

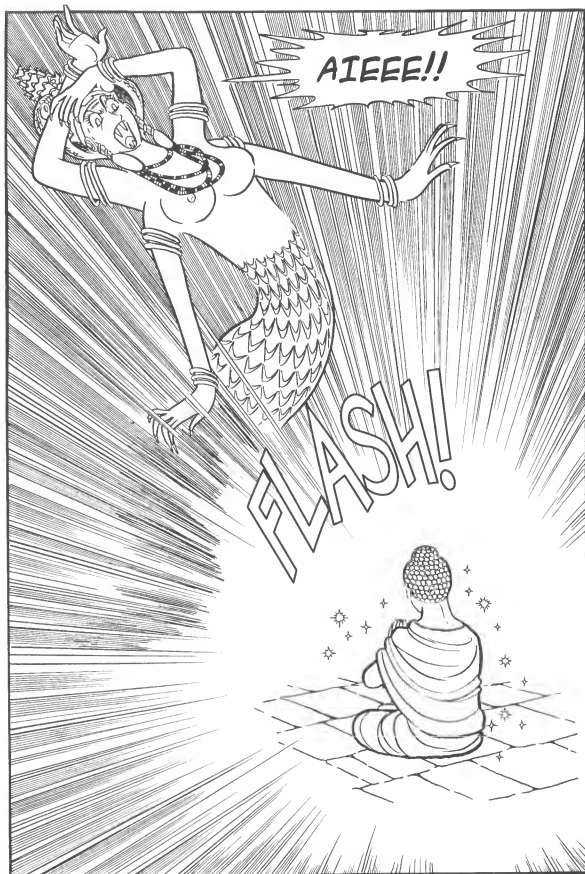
HMM,
SO AT
LAST YOU
SHOW
YOURSELF.



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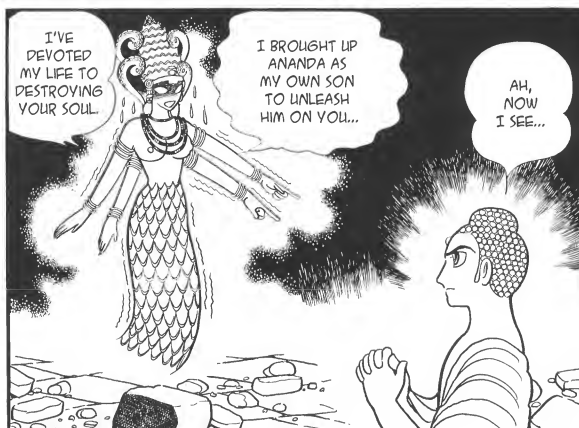
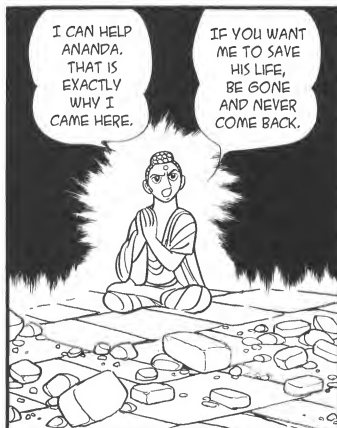
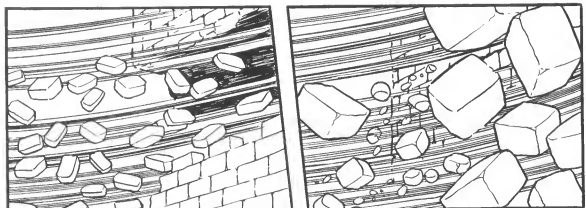


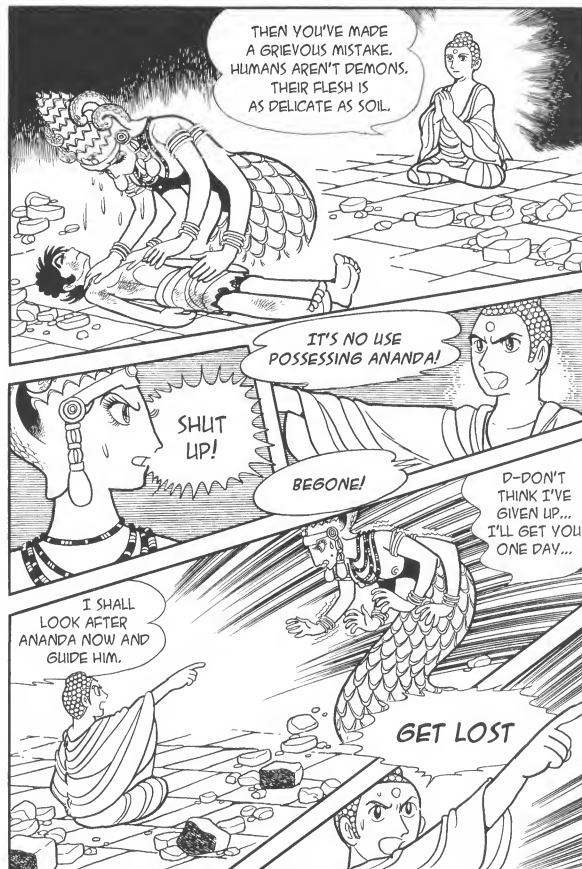
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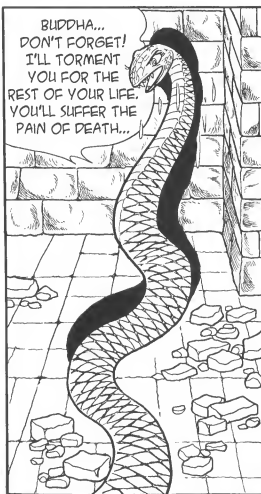
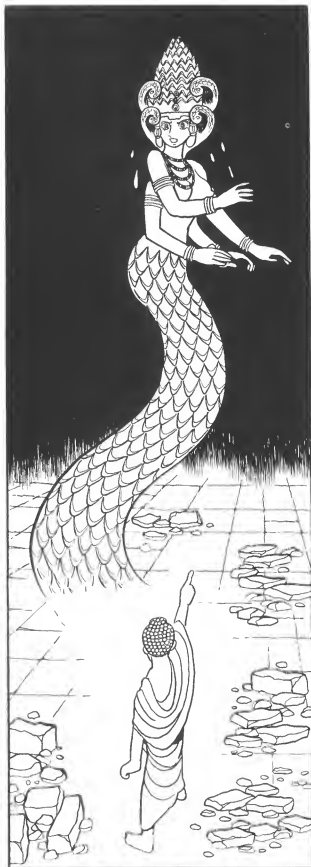
KASSAPA'S CONVERSION



DA...MN YOU.
I'LL CRUSH YOU
AGAINST
THE STONE WALL.







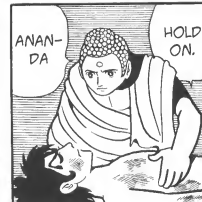
BUDDHA...
DON'T FORGET!
I'LL TORTURE
YOU FOR THE
REST OF YOUR LIFE.
YOU'LL SUFFER THE
PAIN OF DEATH...



OVER AND
OVER!
AND AS YOU
SCREAM AND
WRITHE, HOW
I SHALL LAUGH!
MHA HA HA
MHA HA...



SHE
WON'T
BE BACK
FOR
A WHILE.

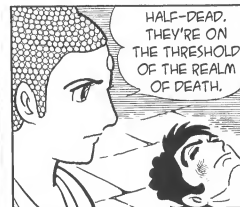


ANAN-
DA

HOLD
ON.



NOW THEN...
FIRST I HAVE
TO REVIVE
THESE TWO.

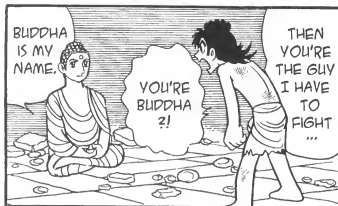


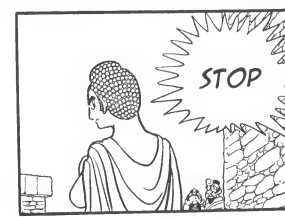
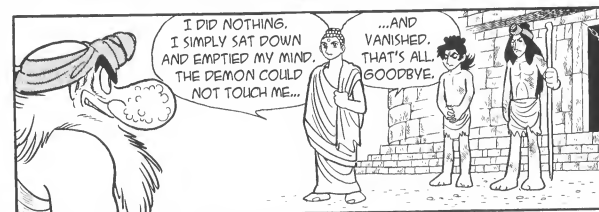
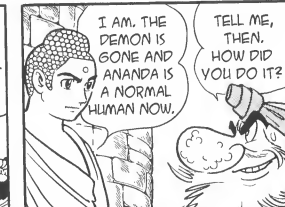
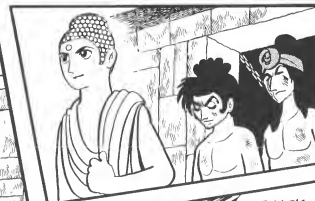
HALF-DEAD.
THEY'RE ON
THE THRESHOLD
OF THE REALM
OF DEATH.

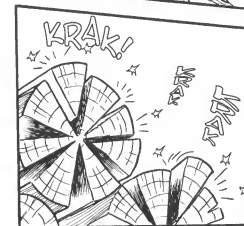
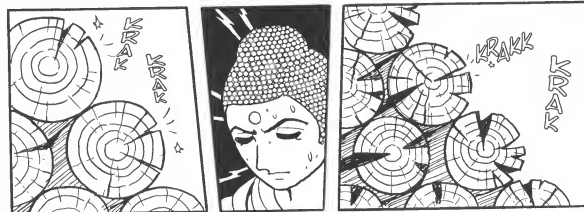
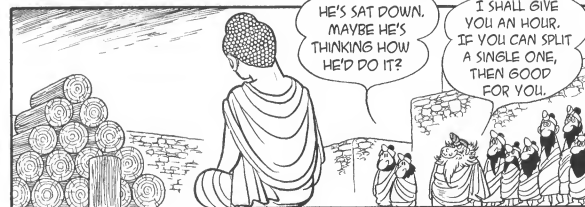
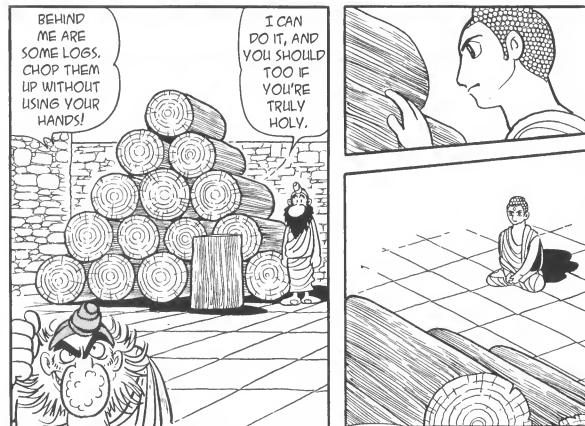


I'LL JUST
HAVE TO
PULL THEM
BACK...

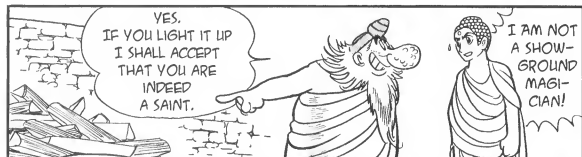
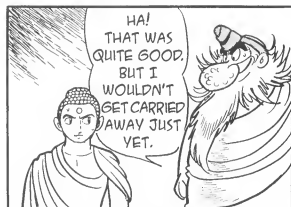








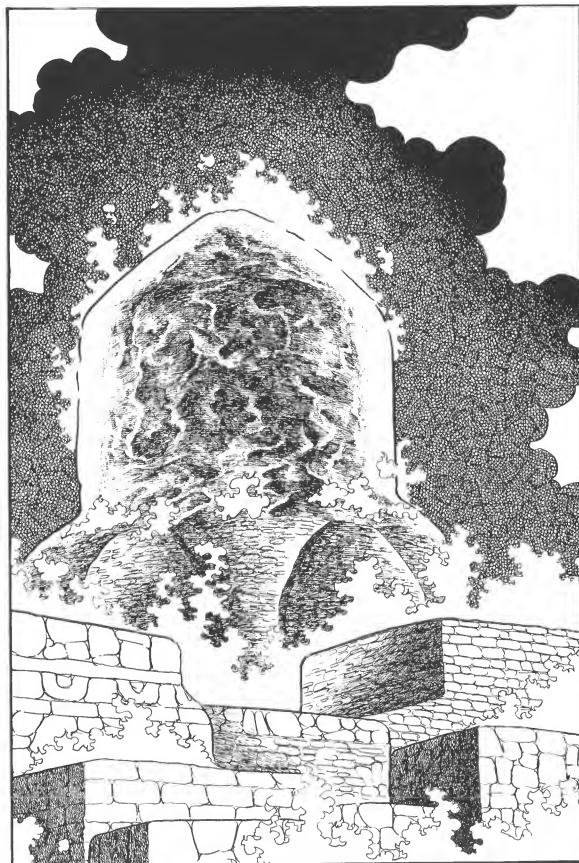
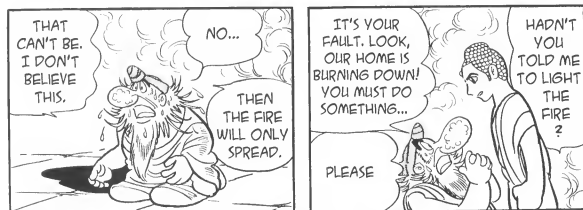
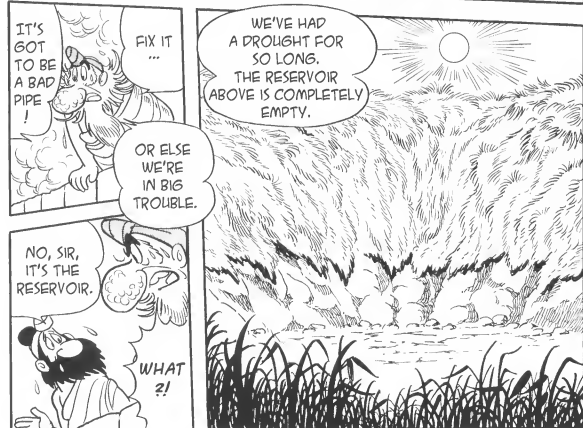
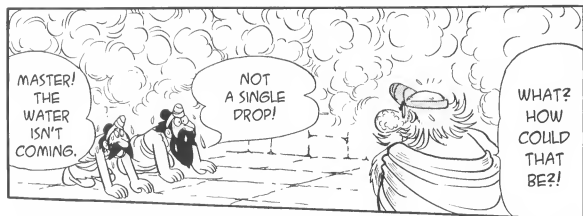
SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, PEOPLE CONSIDERED HOLY HAVE BEEN THOUGHT TO POSSESS THE POWER OF PSYCHOKINESIS TO SOME DEGREE. USING SUCH ABILITIES, IT IS SAID, THEY COULD PERFORM MIRACLES AND CURE THE ILL TO A CERTAIN EXTENT. THE BUDDHA TOO WOULD HAVE HAD THIS TALENT, ALLOWING HIM TO ACCOMPLISH A FEAT OF TERRIFIC ENERGY SUCH AS THIS.

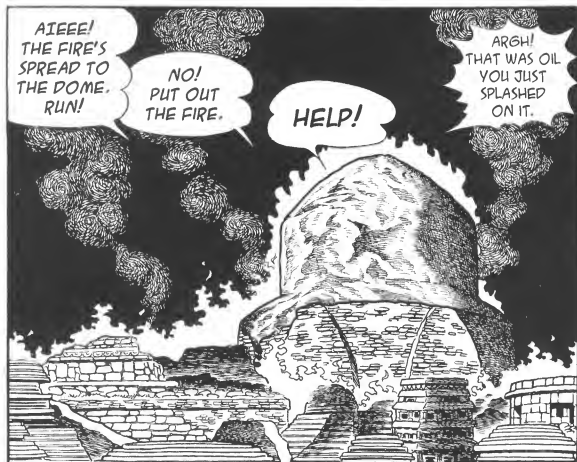


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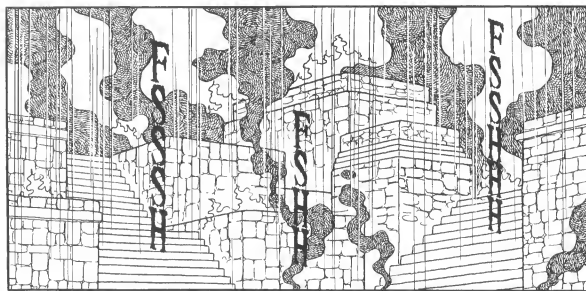




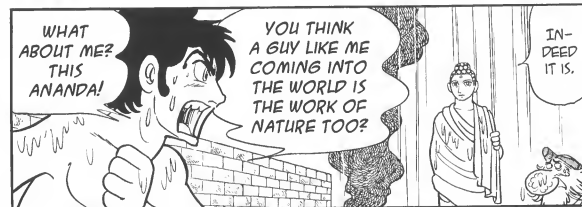
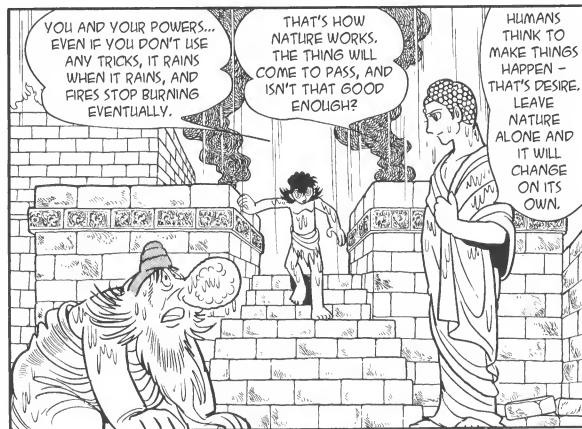
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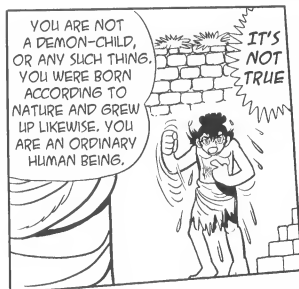
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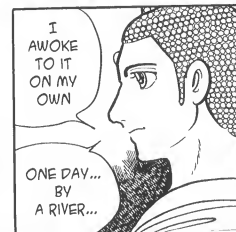
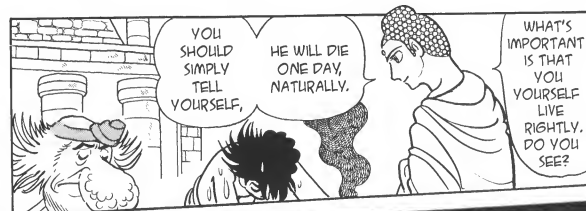
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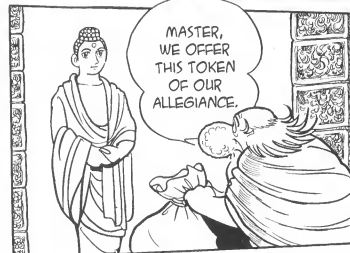
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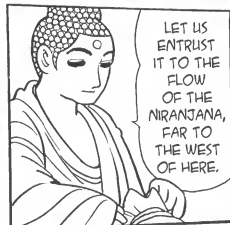
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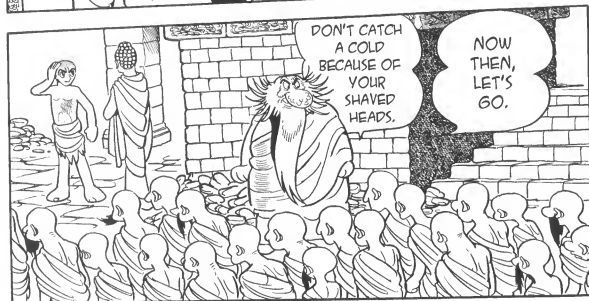




MASTER,
WE OFFER
THIS TOKEN
OF OUR
ALLEGIANCE.



LET US
ENTRUST
IT TO THE
FLOW
OF THE
NIRANJANA,
FAR TO
THE WEST
OF HERE.



DON'T CATCH
A COLD
BECAUSE OF
YOUR SHAVED
HEADS.

NOW
THEN,
LET'S
GO.

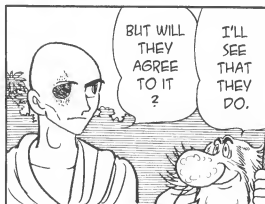
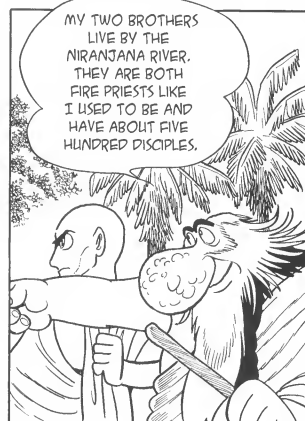


HE MAY NOT BE
OUR MASTER
ANYMORE,
BUT KASSAPA SURE
IS A GREAT MAN.
HE COULD GIVE UP
EVERYTHING
FOR THE SAKE
OF WISDOM.

I JUST
HOPE
WE DON'T
GO HUNGRY
...

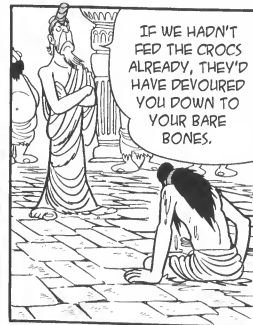
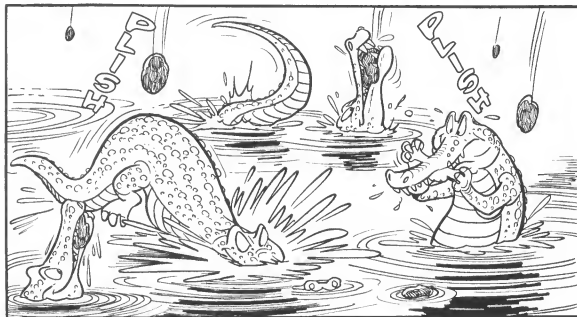
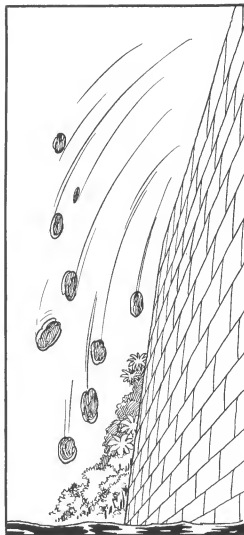
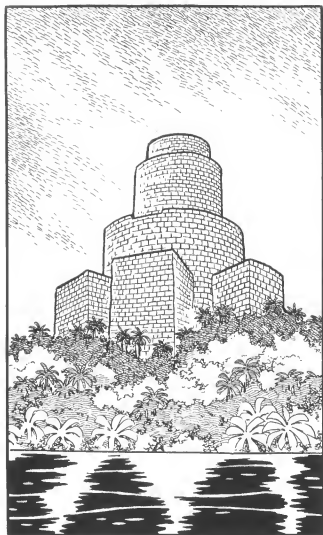
OUR MASTER
HAS GAINED
FIVE HUNDRED
DISCIPLES
AT ONCE.
IMPRESSIVE.

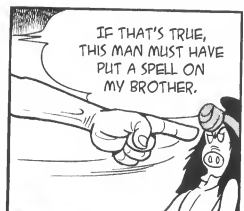
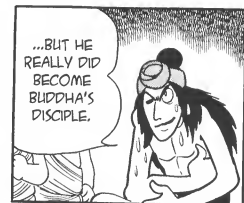
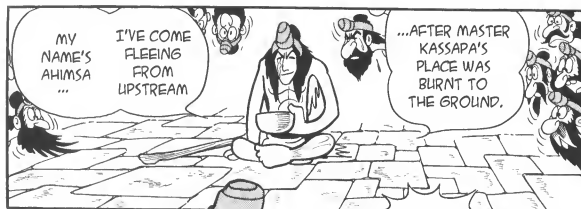
'TIS ONLY
THE BEGINNING.
HE'LL HAVE
TENS OF
THOUSANDS OF
FOLLOWERS.

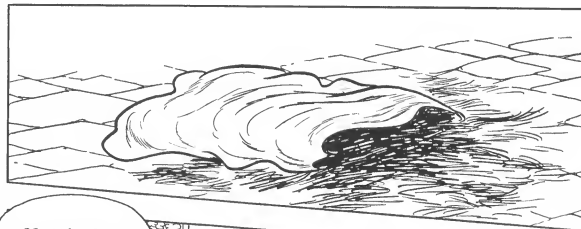
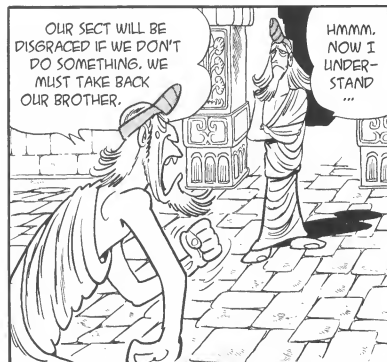


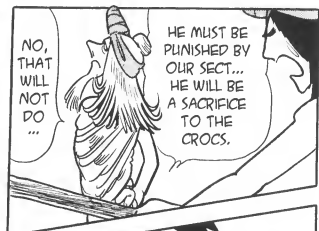
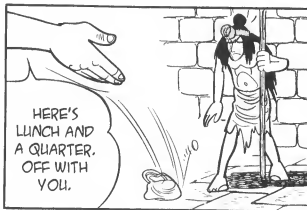
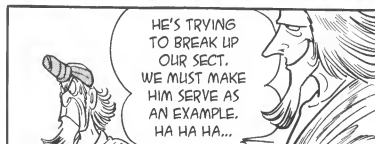
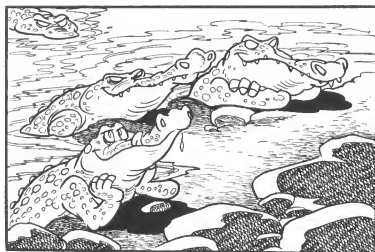
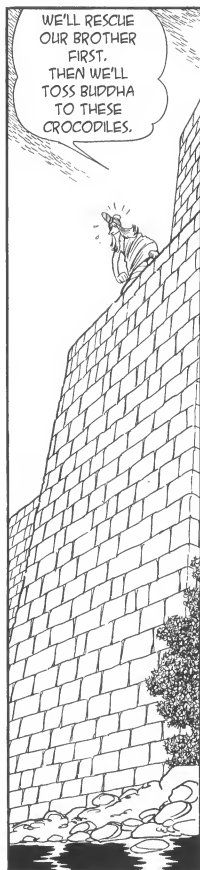
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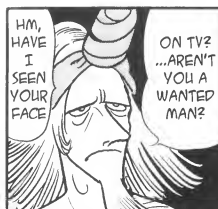
RIVER OF CROCS







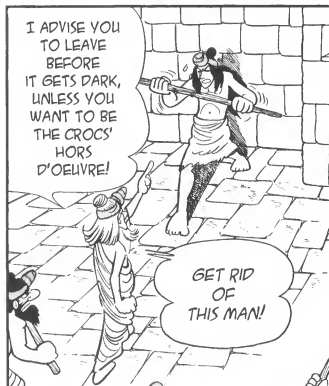




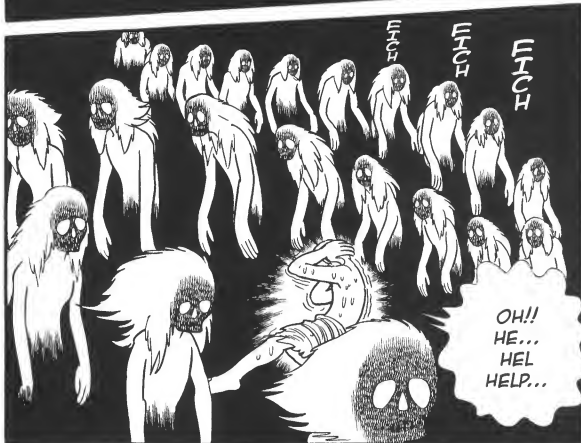
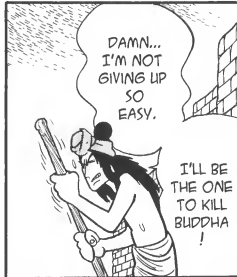
ON TV?
...AREN'T YOU A WANTED MAN?



YOU'RE THE SERIAL KILLER WHO CHOPPED OFF YOUR VICTIMS' PINKIES! AM I MISTAKEN?

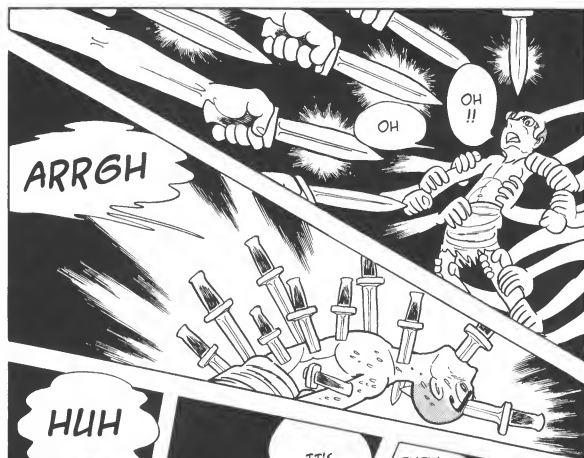


GET RID OF THIS MAN!



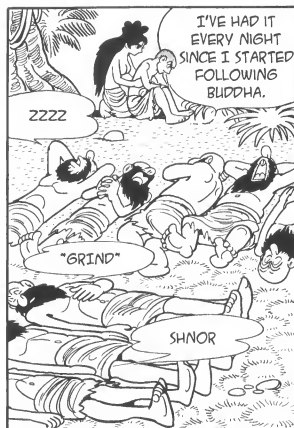


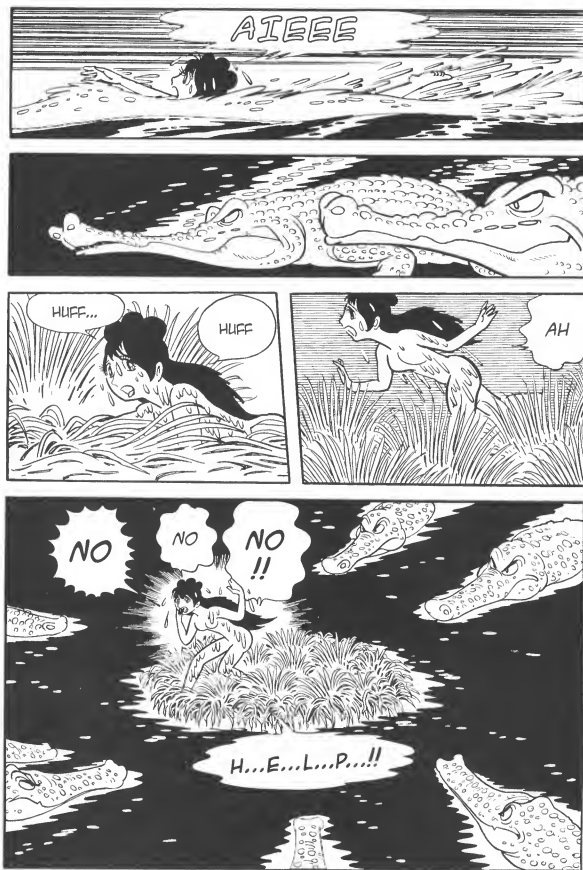
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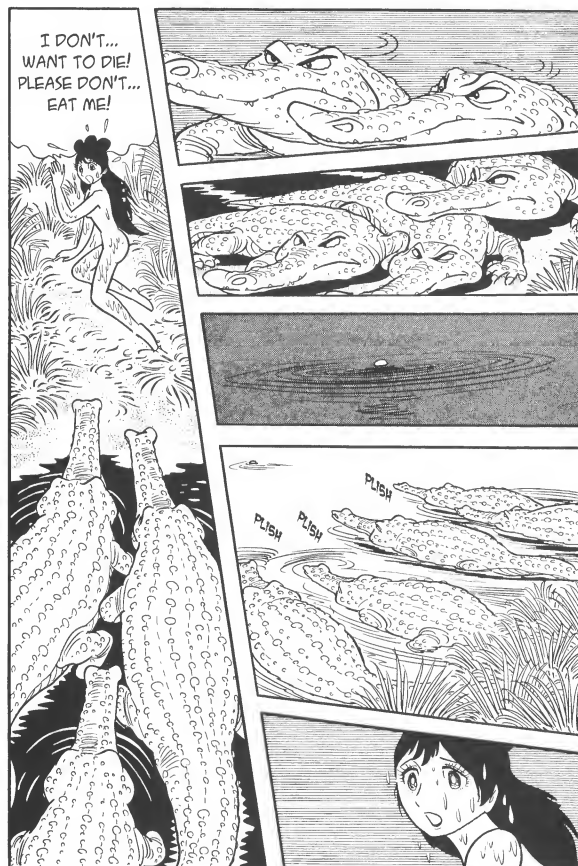
EVERYONE
I'VE KILLED
COMES
BACK AND
TEARS
ME APART.

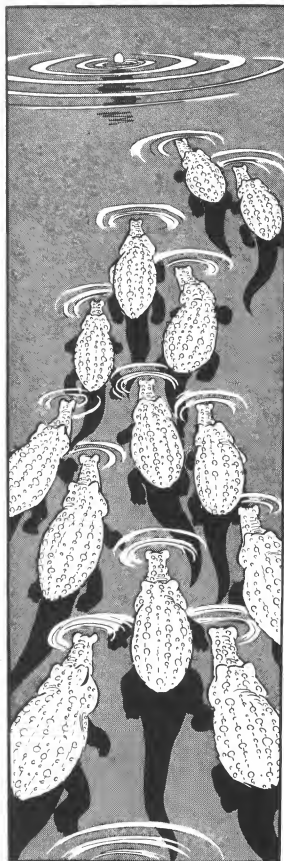
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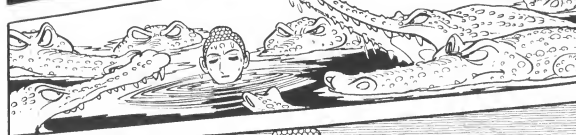
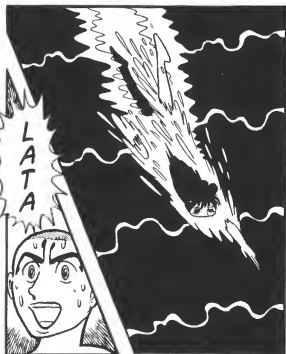




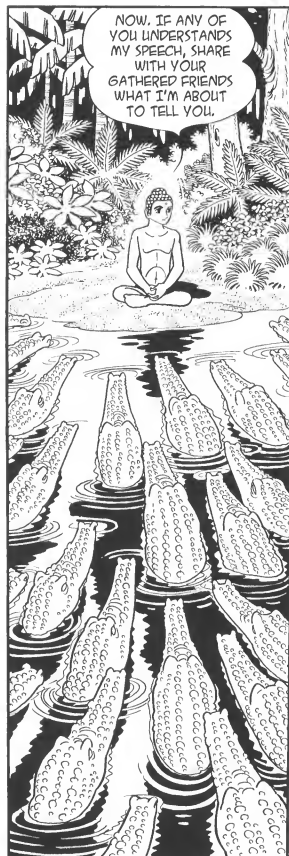
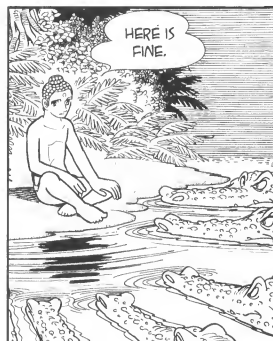


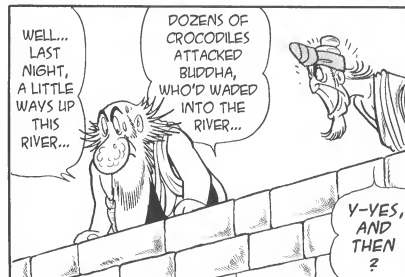
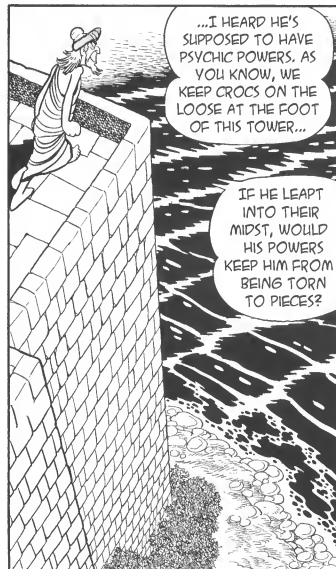
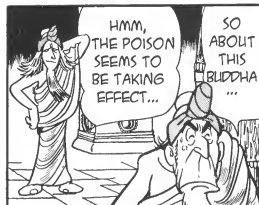
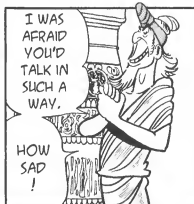
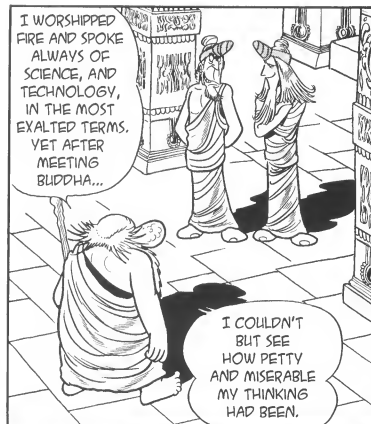


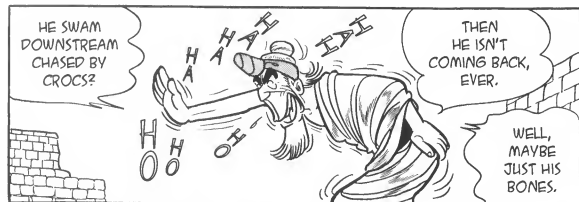
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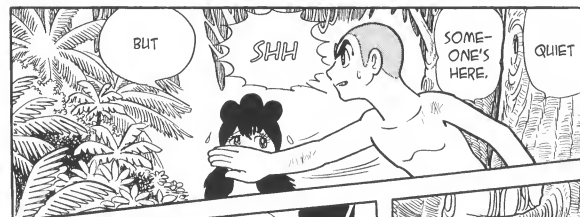
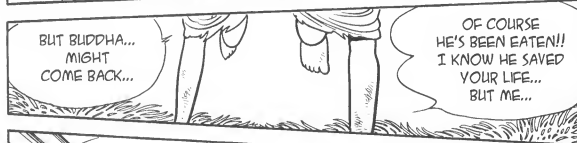


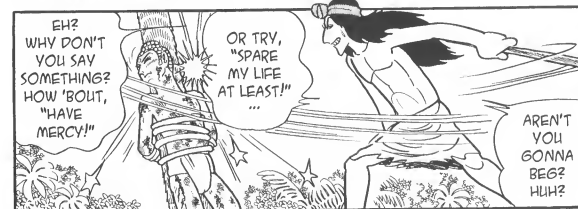
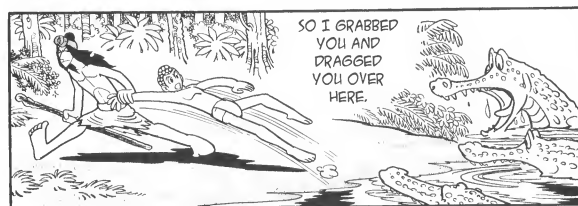
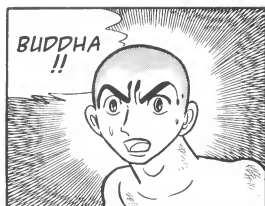
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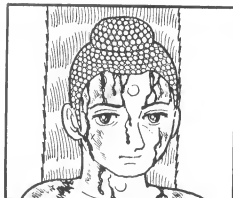












WHAT'S
THAT
LOOK
?

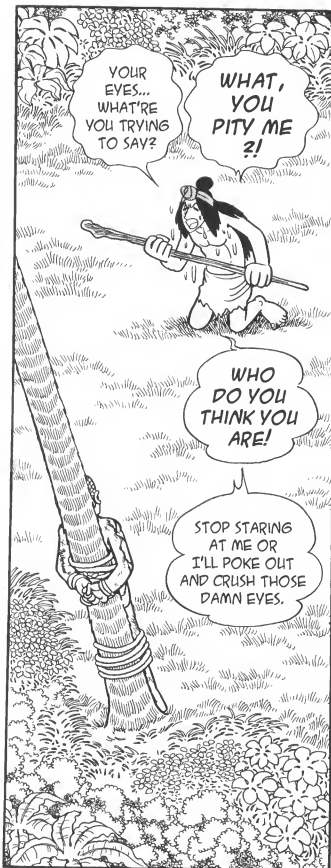


WHY
DO YOU
LOOK AT
ME LIKE
THAT



DON'T
STARE
AT
ME...
STOP
IT.

CUT
IT
OUT!!



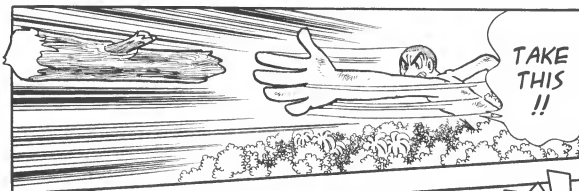
YOUR
EYES...
WHAT'RE
YOU TRYING
TO SAY?

WHAT,
YOU
PITY ME
?!

WHO
DO YOU
THINK YOU
ARE!

STOP STARING
AT ME OR
I'LL POKE OUT
AND CRUSH THOSE
DAMN EYES.

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TAKE
THIS
!!



THUNK!!



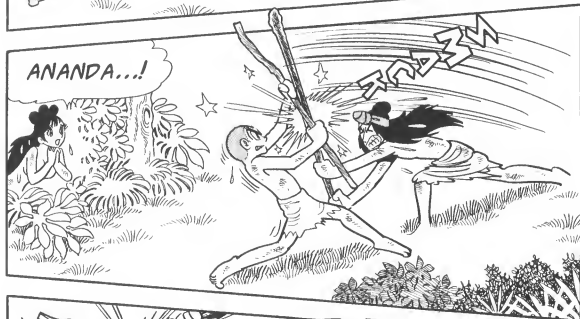
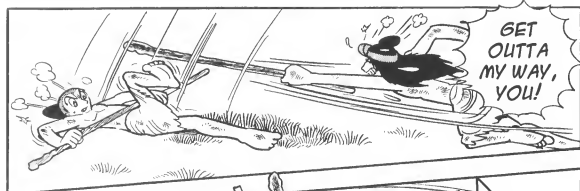
WHOSE EYES
WILL WE
CRUSH NOW,
AHIMSA?

ANANDA...
THAT'S YOUR
VOICE

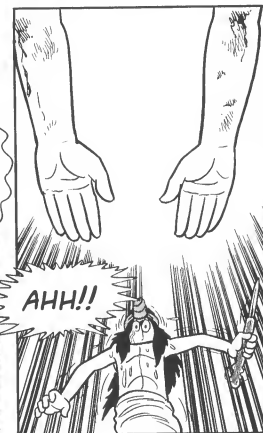
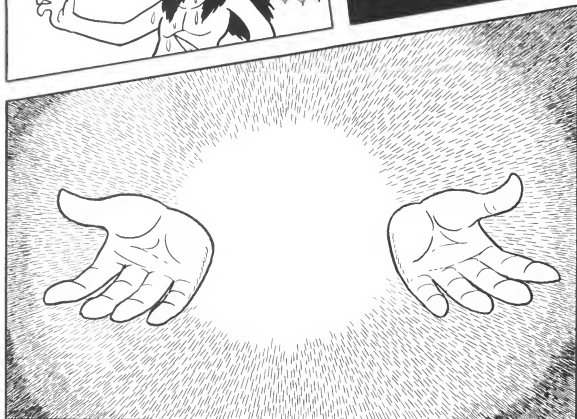
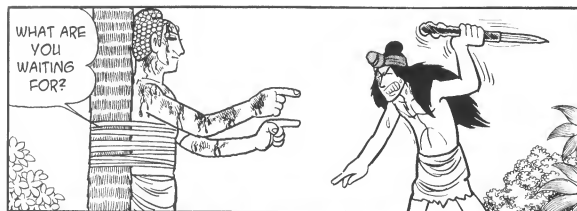
TOUCH
BUDDHA
AGAIN AND
I'LL KILL
YOU!!

BUDDHA,
YOU'RE
OK NOW.

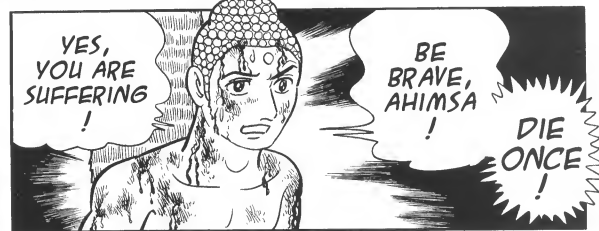
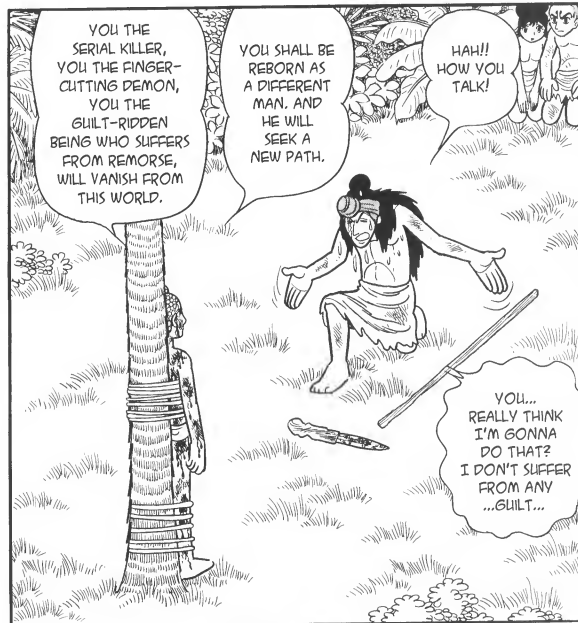
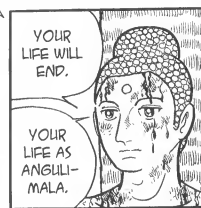
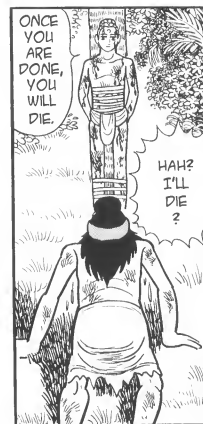
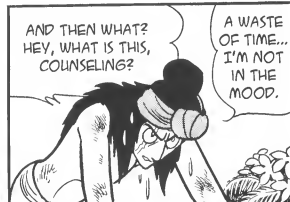
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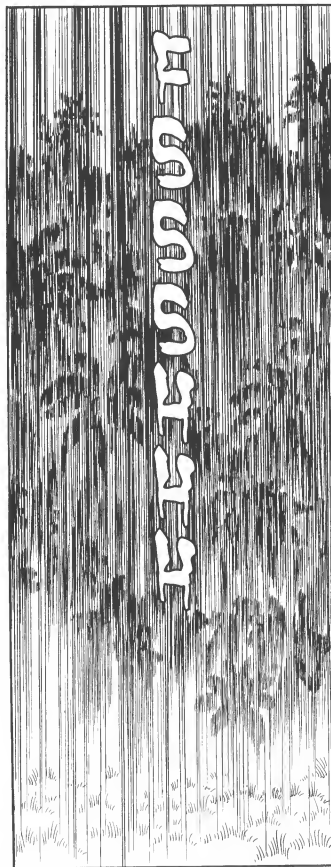
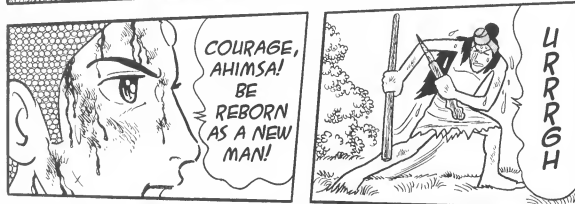


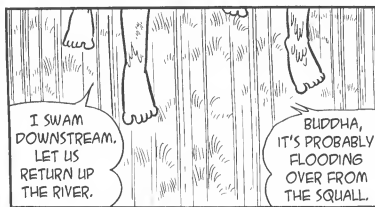
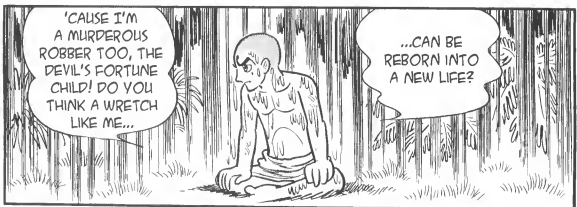
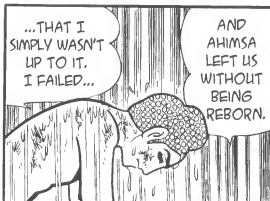
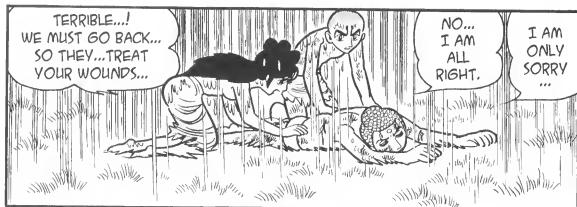


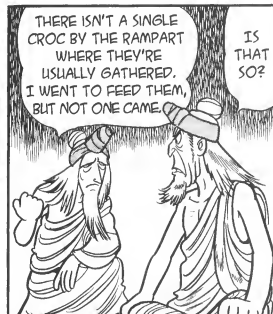
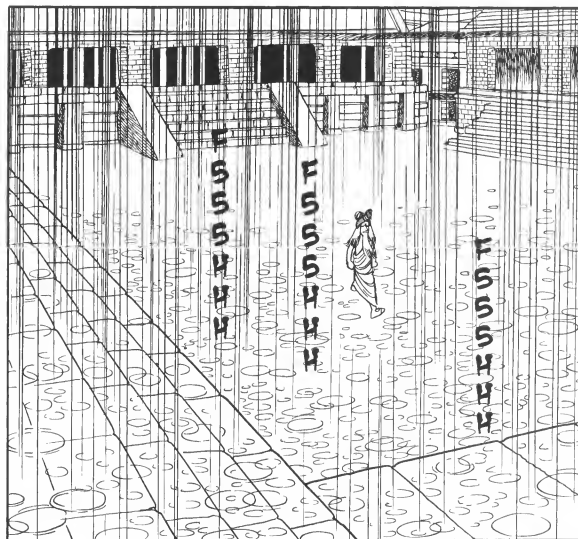


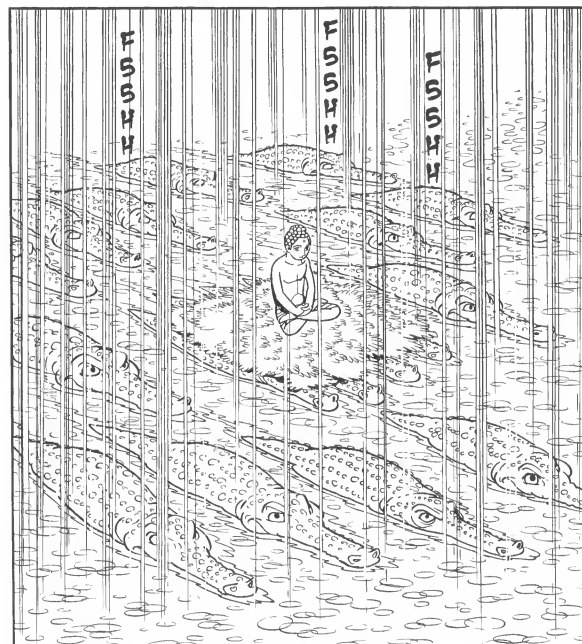
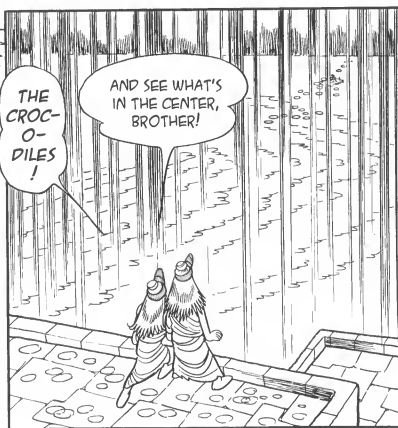
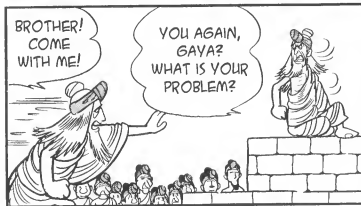
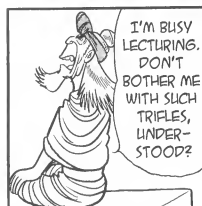


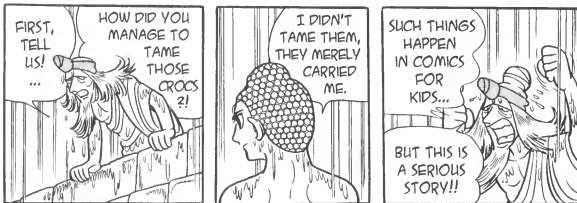












THEN THEY'LL BE
FRIGHTENED
AND AVOID
THE RIVER.

YOU'LL HAVE LITTLE
TO EAT AND
MAYBE EVEN
STARVE TO DEATH.



THE WORLD WORKS
BECAUSE WE HELP
ONE ANOTHER.
IF YOU SHOW MERCY
TO SOMETHING,
THEN IN TURN,
SOMETHING ELSE
WILL ASSIST YOU.

CONSIDER
THE PLOVERS THAT
CLEAN YOUR TEETH.
WITHOUT THOSE BIRDS
YOUR TEETH WOULD
TURN GRIMY AND
SOON ROT AWAY.

I SPOKE
TO THEM
OF SUCH
THINGS...



THEY
SEEMED TO
APPROVE
OF MY
WORDS,
AND
TO TAKE
THEM TO
HEART.

LIES!!

HOW
COULD
THESE
BEASTS
UNDER-
STAND ALL
THAT?!

AH HA!
YOU PUT
A SPELL
ON THEM!

THAT'S IT!!
THAT'S WHY
THEY HAVEN'T
EATEN YOU!



THAT'S
NOT WHY.
WITH THE RIVER
FLOODING,
A LOT OF
UPSTREAM
FISH WERE
FORCED DOWN
OUR WAY.



A FEAST
FOR THE
CROCS.

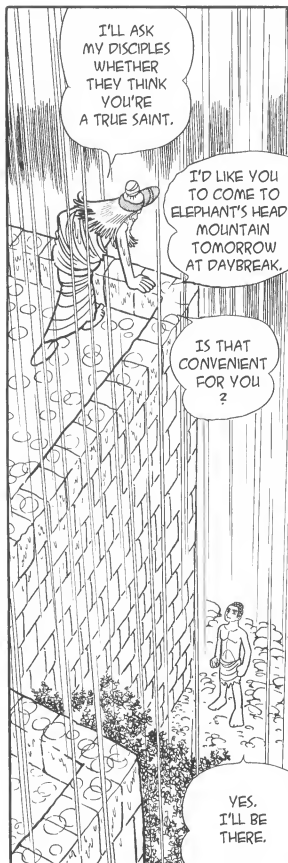
THEY'RE SATED
NOW AND
DON'T POSE A
THREAT. WE'VE
BECOME
FRIENDS.



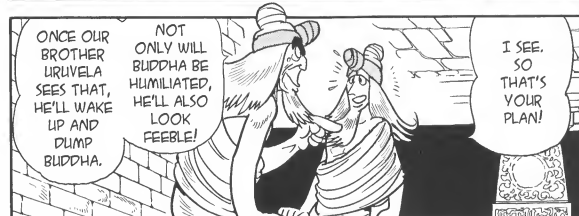
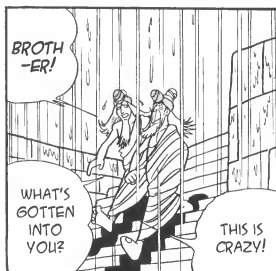
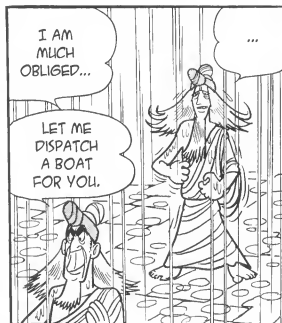
WE'LL
LEND YOU
THE BOAT.



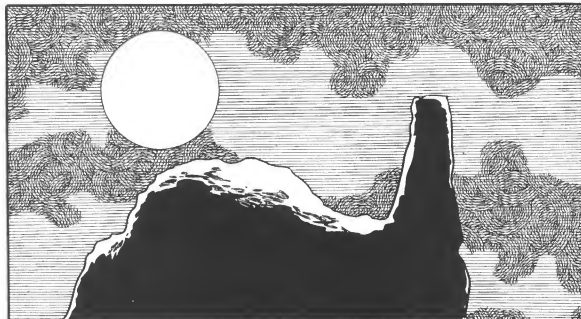




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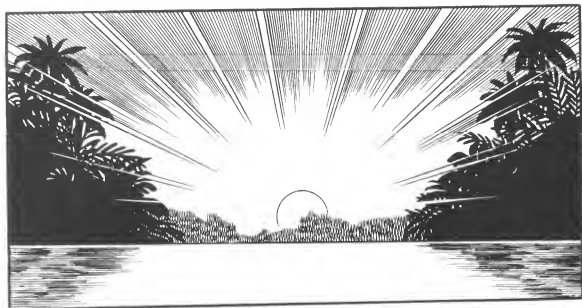


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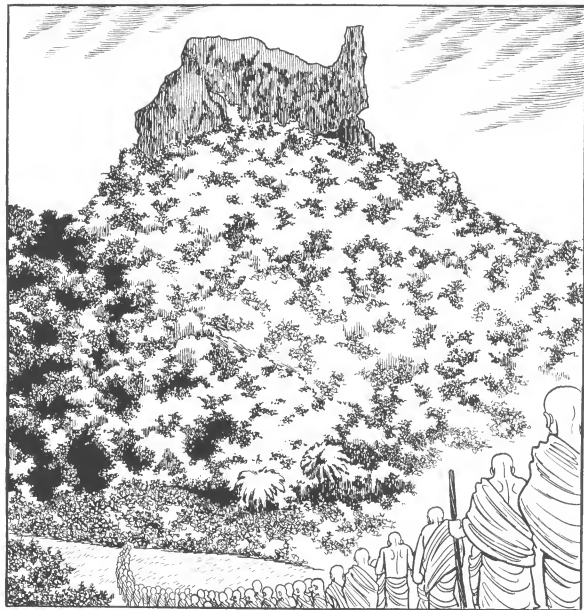
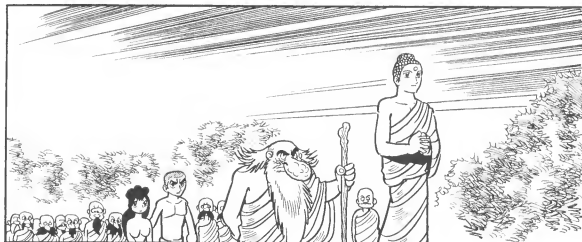


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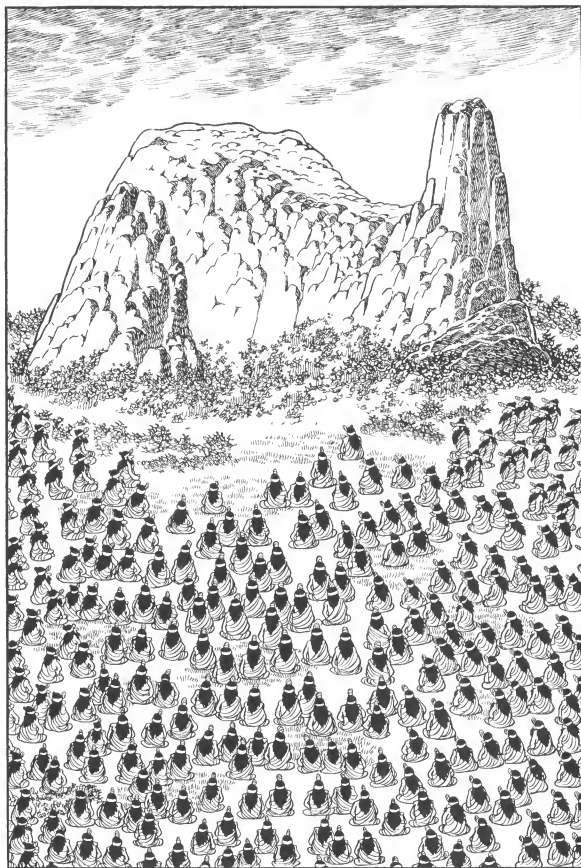
SERMON AT ELEPHANT'S HEAD MOUNTAIN

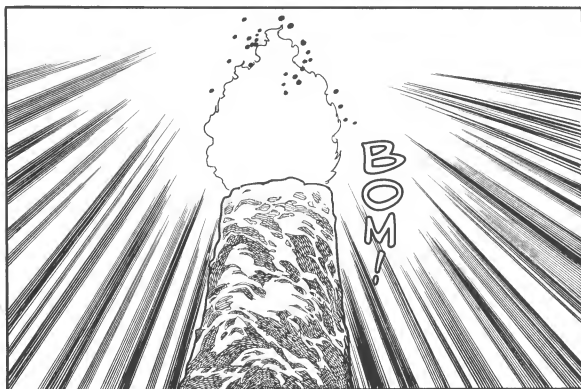
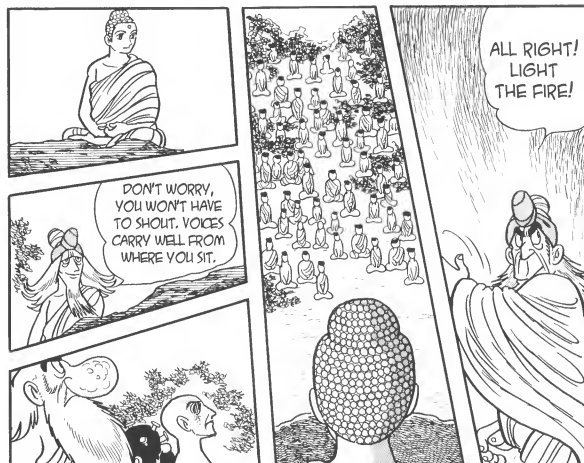
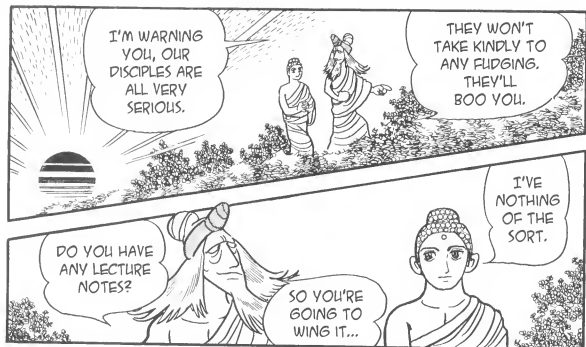


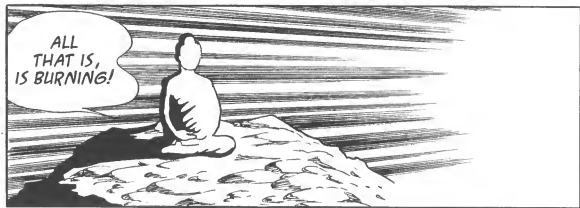
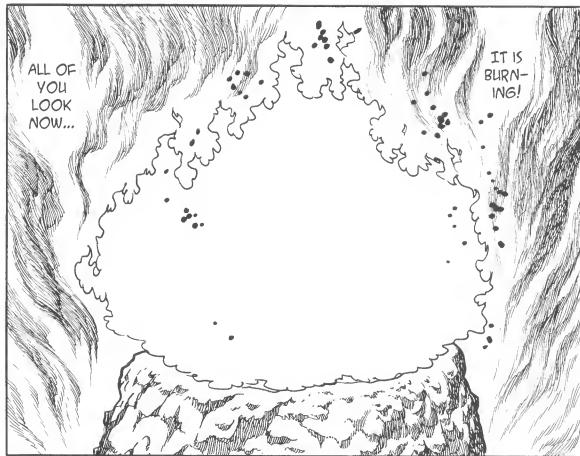
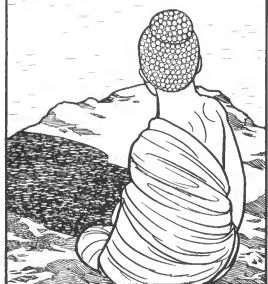
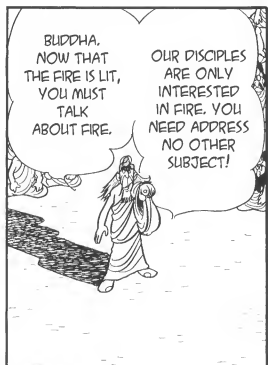
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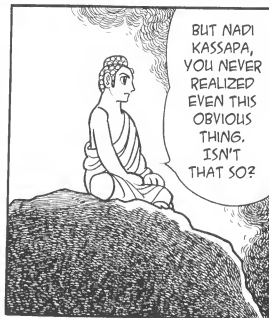
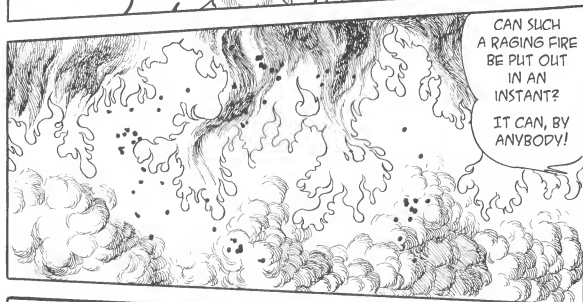


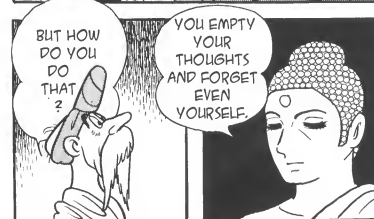
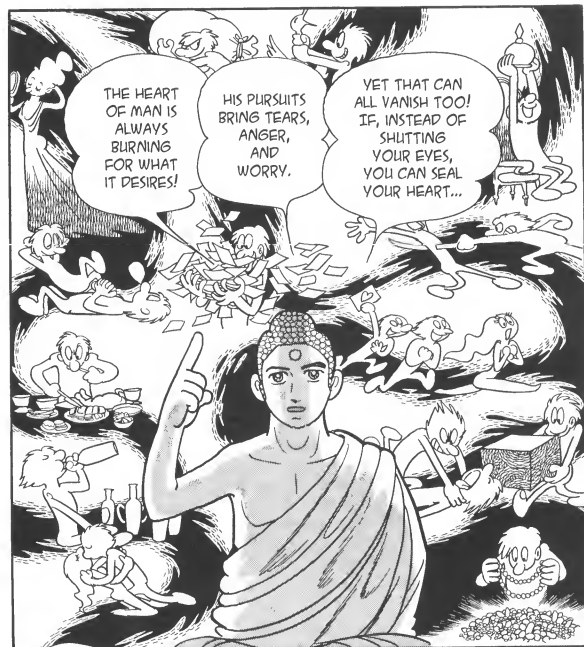
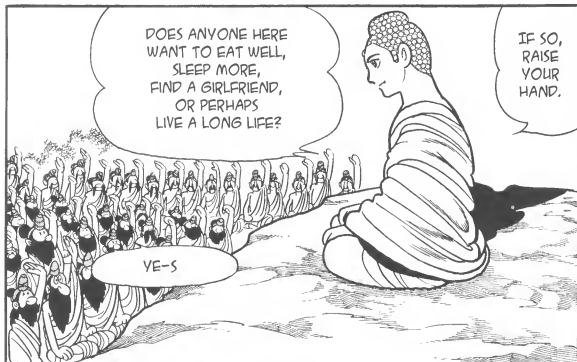
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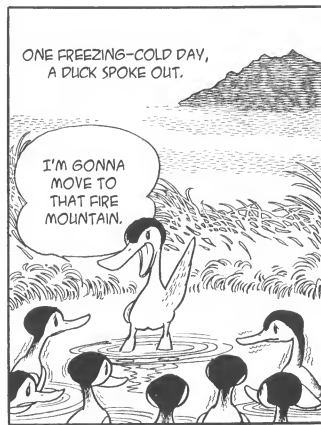
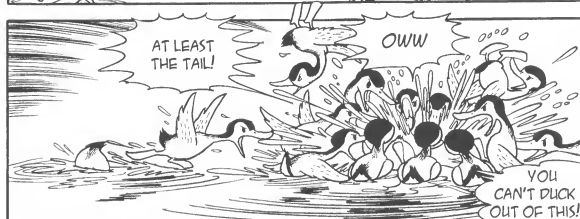
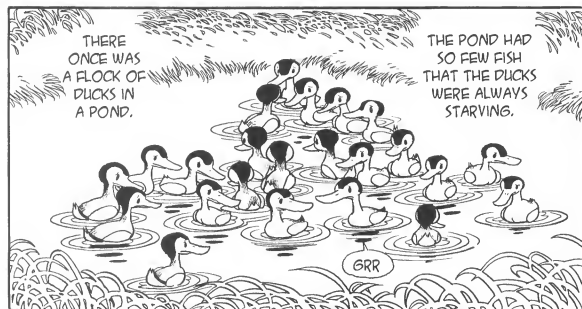


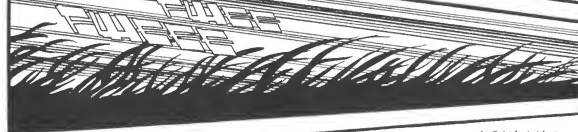
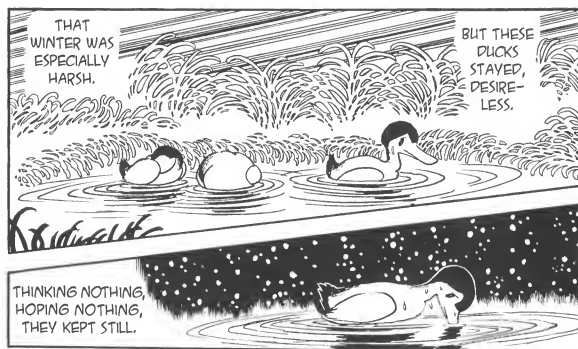
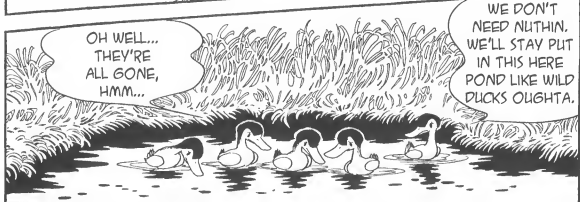
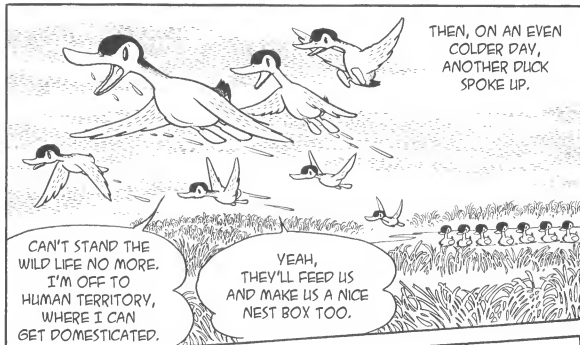
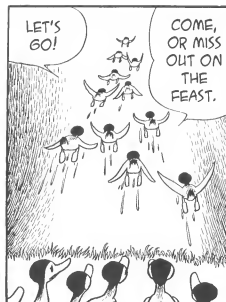
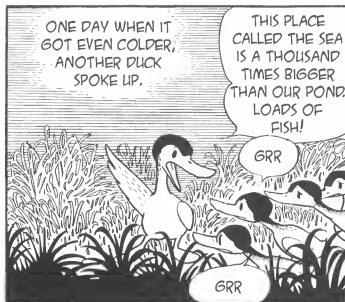


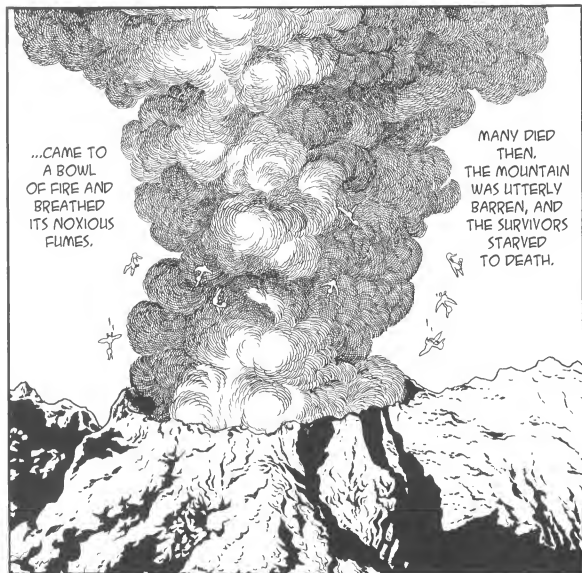






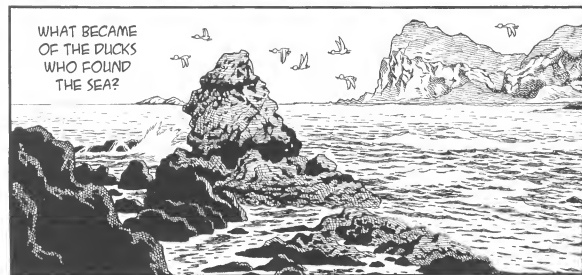




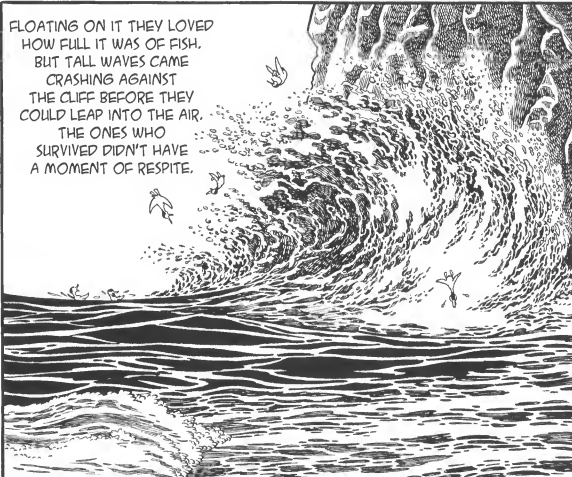


...CAME TO
A BOWL
OF FIRE AND
BREATHED
ITS NOXIOUS
FLAMES.

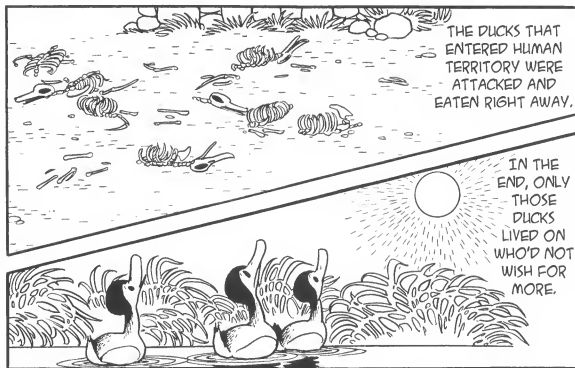
MANY DIED
THEN.
THE MOUNTAIN
WAS UTTERLY
BARREN, AND
THE SURVIVORS
STARVED
TO DEATH.



WHAT BECAME
OF THE DUCKS
WHO FOUND
THE SEA?

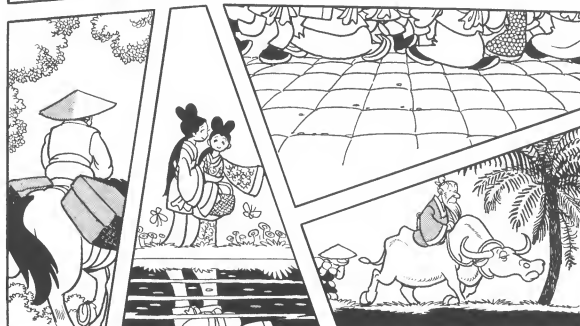
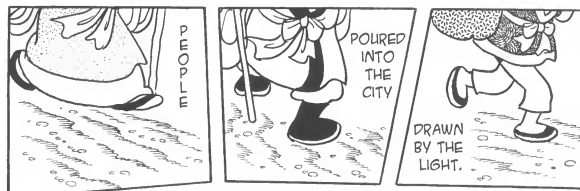
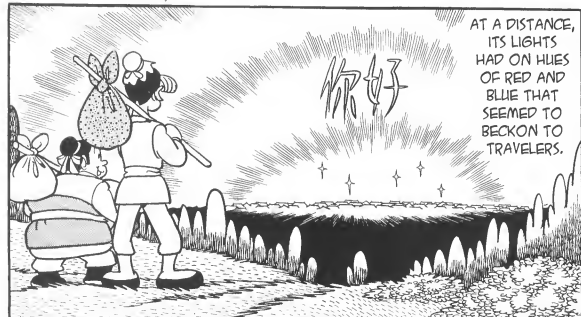
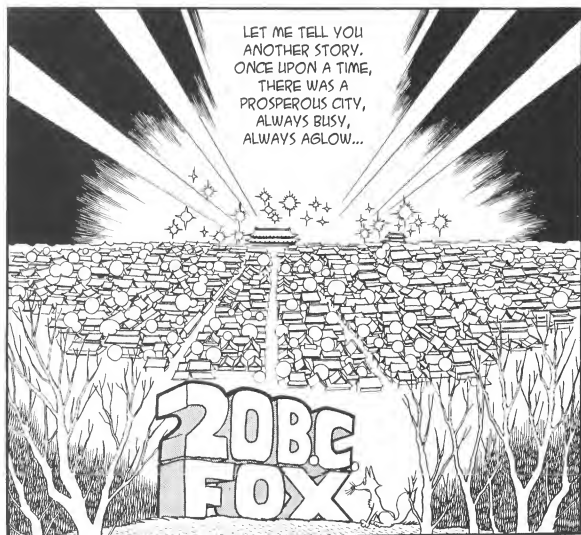


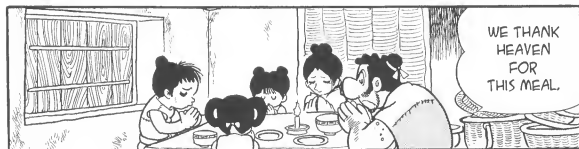
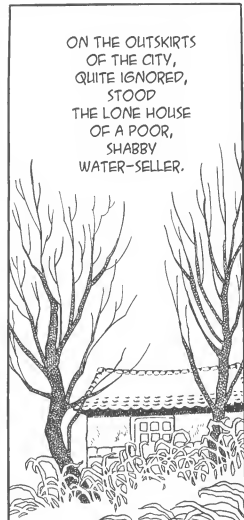
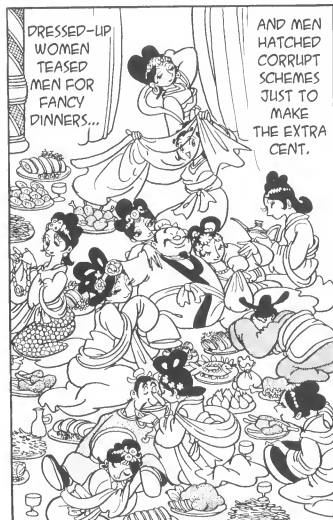
FLOATING ON IT THEY LOVED
HOW FULL IT WAS OF FISH.
BUT TALL WAVES CAME
CRASHING AGAINST
THE CLIFF BEFORE THEY
COULD LEAP INTO THE AIR.
THE ONES WHO
SURVIVED DIDN'T HAVE
A MOMENT OF RESPIRE.

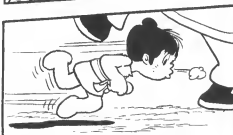
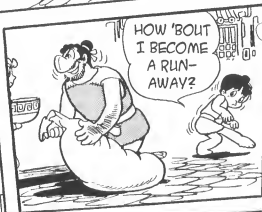
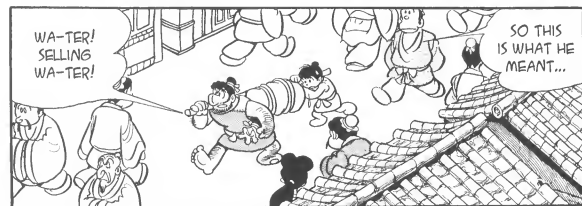


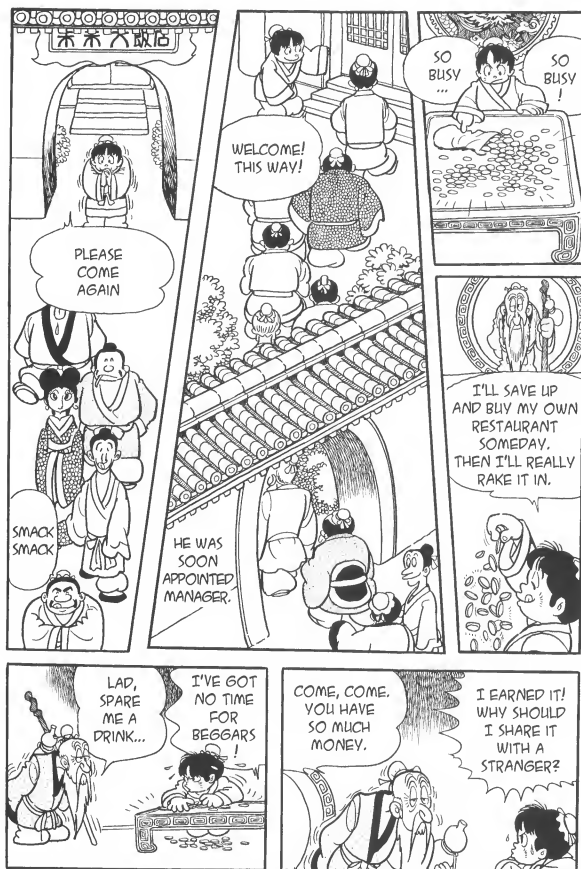
THE DUCKS THAT
ENTERED HUMAN
TERRITORY WERE
ATTACKED AND
EATEN RIGHT AWAY.

IN THE
END, ONLY
THOSE
DUCKS
LIVED ON
WHO'D NOT
WISH FOR
MORE.





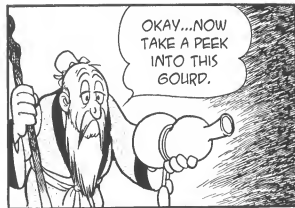






HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SPEND ALL THAT MONEY?

I'LL BUY FANCY CLOTHES, EAT AND DRINK WELL, AND DANCE WITH GIRLS!



OKAY...NOW TAKE A PEEK INTO THIS GOURD.



JUST TAKE A LOOK!



WHY, IT'S ME !!

I SEE MYSELF IN THE GOURD...

AND I'M WRAPPED IN BLUE FLAMES!!



WHO'S THAT IN THERE?!



BLUE FLAMES, YOU SAY? HA HA HA

WHAT ARE THOSE FLAMES? IT'S KIND OF CREEPY



THOSE ARE THE FLAMES OF DESIRE

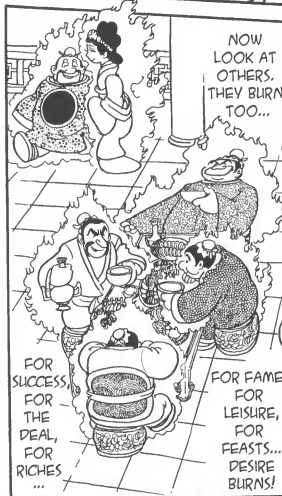
WHAT?

THEY'RE THE FLAMES OF BURNING HUMAN DESIRE



WOW. THE FIRE'S GETTING STRONGER.

BECAUSE YOU'RE SO ATTACHED TO MONEY AND PLAY!



NOW LOOK AT OTHERS. THEY BURN TOO...

FOR SUCCESS, FOR THE DEAL, FOR RICHES...

FOR FAME, FOR LEISURE, FOR FEASTS... DESIRE BURNS!



WHOA... EVERYONE IN THIS CITY!



CORRECT. HUMANS ARE ALL ENGULFED IN DESIRE.



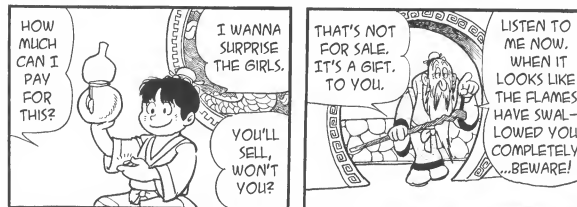
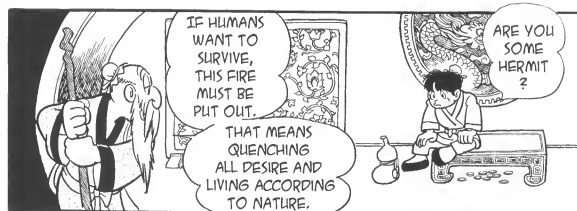
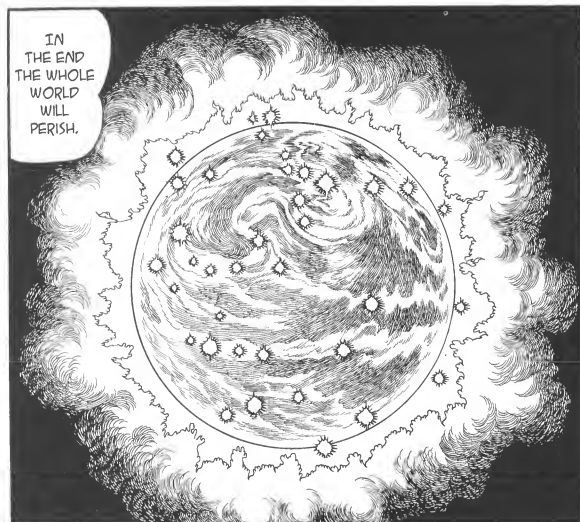
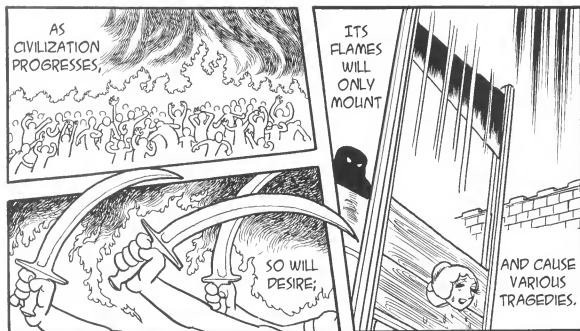
HA HA! THE FIRE'S ONLY GETTING STRONGER

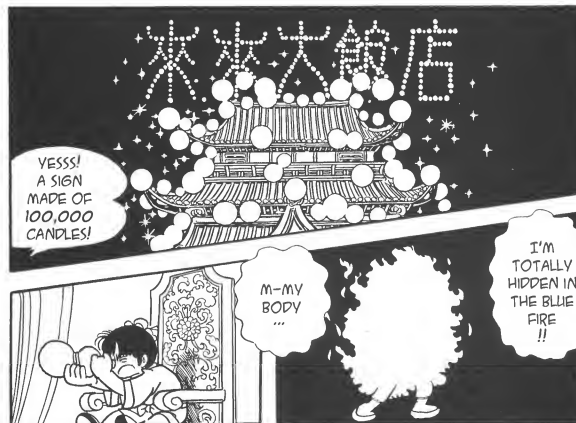
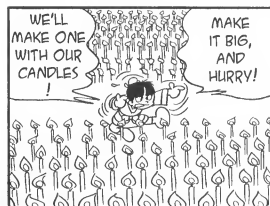
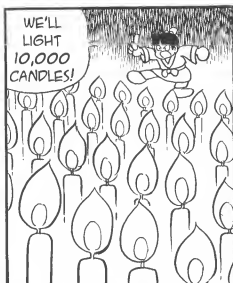
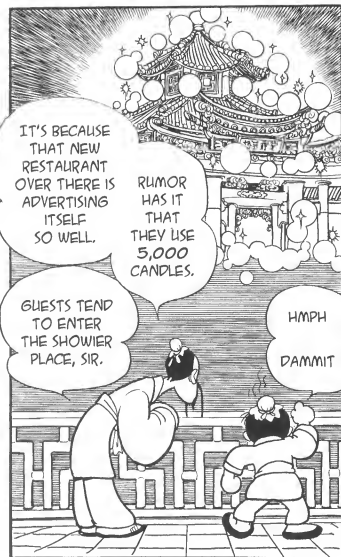
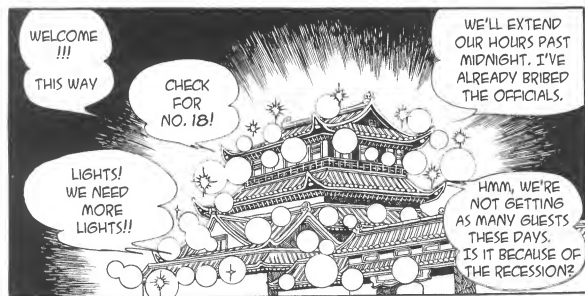
I'M NOT SURPRISED. YOUR DESIRE SEEMS BOTTOMLESS.

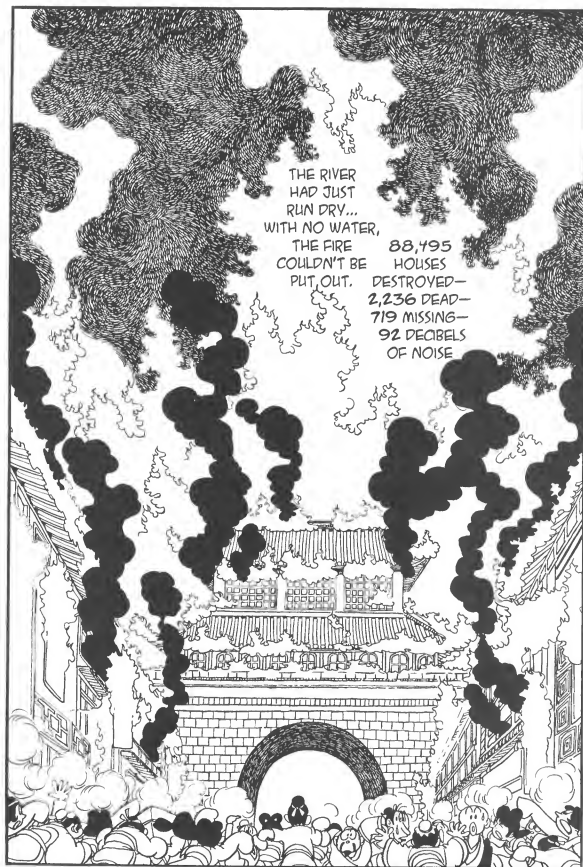
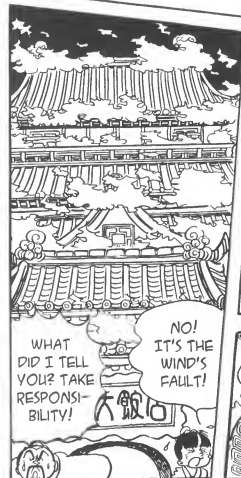
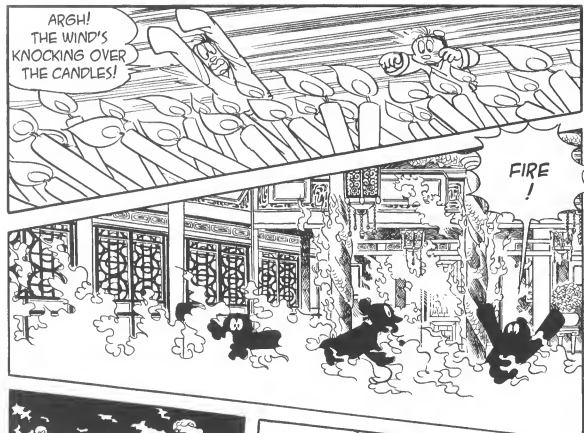


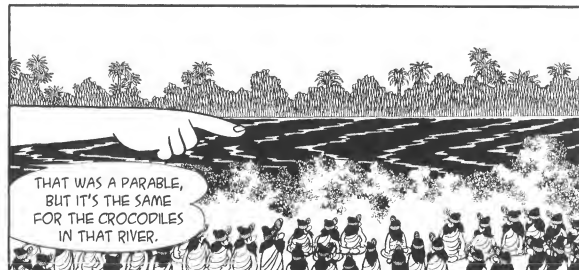
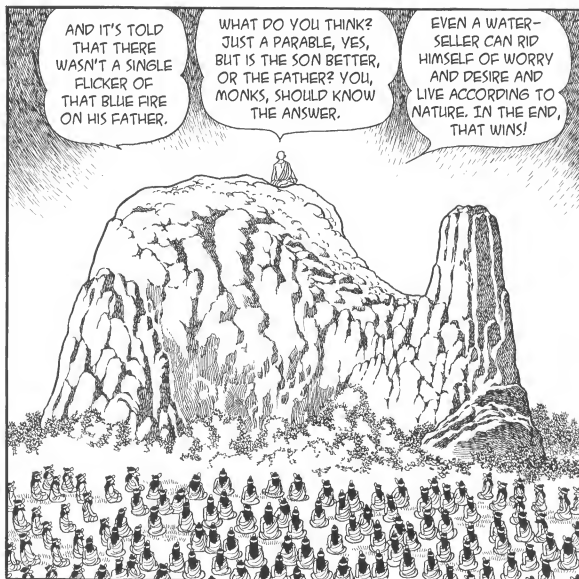
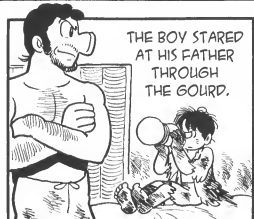
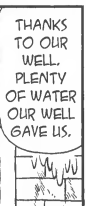
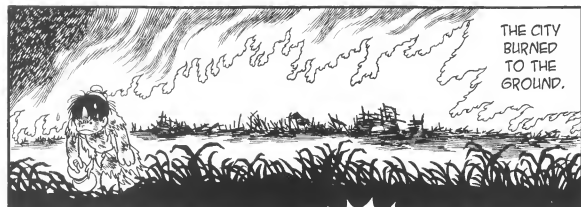
THAT FIRE IS DANGEROUS. IN THE END, IT WILL BURN YOU UP.

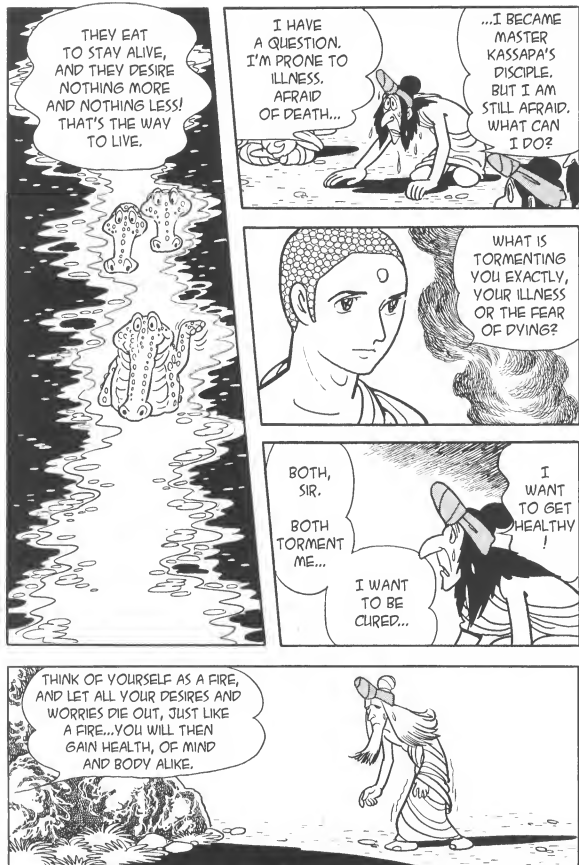
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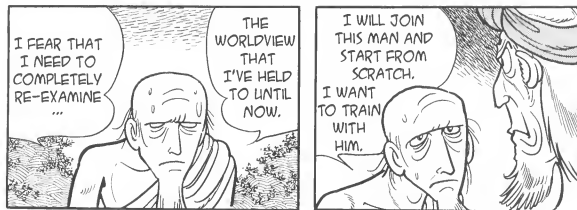
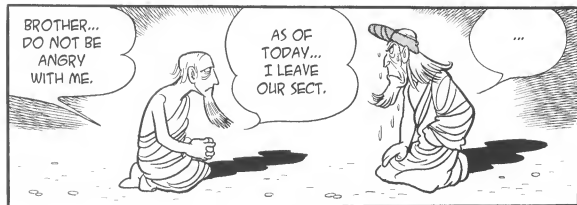
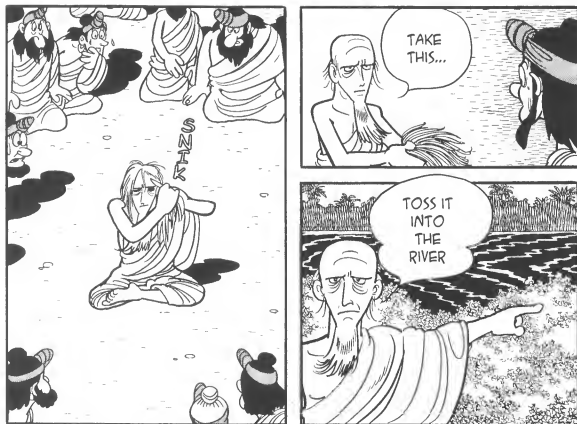


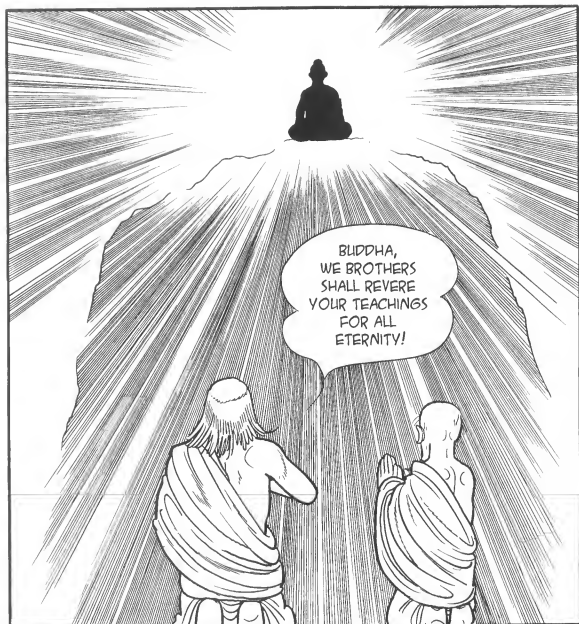




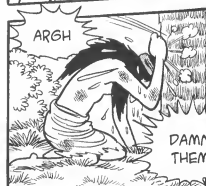
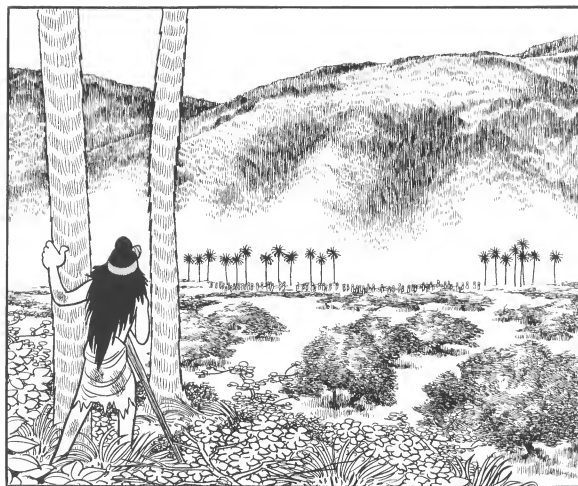








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